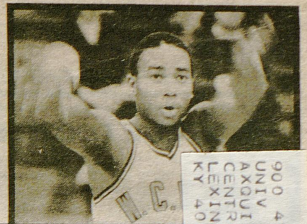


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COLLEGE FOOTBALL'S TOP TEAMS ARE UNPREDICTABLE

The 1984 college football season was full of surprises. Brigham Young, which was voted No. 1 in three national polls so far, did not even make the Top Ten in most preseason polls. Pittsburgh, Texas and Penn State, which were in most preseason Top Tens, finished far down or out of most final polls. A list of the final USA TODAY/CNN, AP, UPI and *The Sporting News* polls, and eight major preseason polls (standings and points, with first-place votes in parentheses):

FINAL USA TODAY/CNN TOP 25	FINAL ASSOCIATED PRESS TOP 20	FINAL UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL TOP 20	THE SPORTING NEWS FINAL TOP 20
1. BYU (26) 789	1. Brigham Young (38) 1,160	1. Brigham Young (28) 579	1. Florida
2. Washington (3) 751	2. Washington (16) 1,140	2. Washington (11) 561	2. Nebraska
3. Florida (3) 746	3. Florida (6) 1,092	3. Nebraska 508	3. Washington
4. Nebraska 689	4. Nebraska 1,017	4. Boston College 429	4. Brigham Young
5. Oklahoma 660	5. Boston College 932	5. Oklahoma State 376	5. Boston College
6. Boston College 648	6. Oklahoma 883	6. Oklahoma 345	6. Oklahoma
7. Okla. State 625	7. Oklahoma State 864	7. Florida (1) 328	7. Oklahoma State
8. SMU 543	8. So. Methodist 761	8. Southern Methodist 310	8. South Carolina
9. Maryland 512	9. UCLA 613	9. Southern Cal 245	9. Southern Methodist
10. South Carolina 486	10. Southern Cal 596	10. UCLA 229	10. Maryland
11. Southern Cal 465	11. South Carolina 557	11. Maryland 175	11. UCLA
12. UCLA 442	12. Maryland 552	12. Ohio State 166	12. Miami
13. LSU 438	13. Ohio State 497	13. South Carolina 143	13. Ohio State
14. Ohio State 376	14. Auburn 432	14. Auburn 118	14. Auburn
15. Auburn 368	15. LSU 314	15. Iowa 73	15. Southern California
16. Miami (Fla.) 279	16. Iowa 228	16. Louisiana State 48	16. Florida State
17. Florida St. 242	17. Florida State 207	17. Virginia 45	17. Iowa
18. Virginia 212	18. Miami, Fla. 186	18. West Virginia 34	18. Miami
19. Kentucky 210	19. Kentucky 152	19. Kentucky 28	19. Texas
20. Iowa 173	20. Virginia 119	20. Florida St. 28	20. Georgia
21. West Virginia 129			
22. Army 110			
23. Georgia 97			
24. Air Force 93			
25. Notre Dame 91			

THE 1984 PRESEASON COLLEGE FOOTBALL RANKINGS

USA TODAY/CNN TOP 25	ASSOCIATED PRESS	UNITED PRESS	SPORTING NEWS	SPORT MAGAZINE	STREET AND SMITH	PLAYBOY MAGAZINE	SPORTS ILLUSTRATED
1. Auburn	1. Auburn	1. Auburn	1. Texas	1. Arizona St.	1. Auburn	1. Auburn	1. UCLA
2. Clemson	2. Nebraska	2. Nebraska	2. Clemson	2. Florida	2. Miami	2. Alabama	2. Nebraska
3. Nebraska	3. Pittsburgh	3. Texas	3. Texas	3. Texas	3. Iowa	3. Pittsburgh	3. Pittsburgh
4. Pittsburgh	4. Clemson	4. Miami (Fla.)	4. UCLA	4. Ohio St.	4. Clemson	4. Auburn	4. Auburn
5. Ohio St.	5. UCLA	5. UCLA	5. Alabama	5. Michigan	5. Michigan	5. Michigan	5. Ohio St.
6. UCLA	6. Texas	6. Penn St.	6. Ohio St.	6. Notre Dame	6. Notre Dame	6. Texas	6. Iowa
7. Texas	7. Ohio St.	7. Pittsburgh	7. Washington	7. Washington	7. Clemson	7. Washington	7. Clemson
8. Miami (Fla.)	8. Notre Dame	8. Clemson	8. Nebraska	8. Oklahoma	8. SMU	8. Wisconsin	8. SMU
9. Alabama	9. Alabama	9. Ohio St.	9. Michigan	9. UCLA	9. Washington	9. Notre Dame	9. Notre Dame
10. Arizona St.	10. Miami (Fla.)	10. Michigan	10. Miami (Fla.)	10. Texas A&M	10. Michigan	10. Arizona St.	10. Arizona St.
11. Penn St.	11. Penn St.	11. Oklahoma	11. Tennessee	11. Tennessee	11. Nebraska	11. Missouri	11. Penn St.
12. Iowa	12. Iowa	12. Alabama	12. Arizona St.	12. Auburn	12. BYU	12. So. Cal	12. Arizona St.
13. Notre Dame	13. Arizona St.	13. Arizona St.	13. Notre Dame	13. Penn St.	13. Texas A&M	13. Nebraska	13. Nebraska
14. SMU	14. Michigan	14. Okla. St.	14. Okla. St.	14. Okla. St.	14. Georgia	14. Georgia	14. Oklahoma
15. Oklahoma	15. SMU	15. Notre Dame	15. LSU	15. Nebraska	15. Alabama	15. Florida St.	15. Florida
16. Michigan	16. Oklahoma	16. SMU	16. Oklahoma	16. SMU	16. Pittsburgh	16. Okla. St.	16. Alabama
17. Michigan Col.	17. Florida	17. Washington	17. N. Carolina	17. Washington	17. Oklahoma	17. Florida	17. Boston Col.
18. LSU	18. Washington	18. Florida	18. Tennessee	18. Alabama	18. Florida	18. Illinois	18. Michigan
19. Florida	19. Boston Col.	19. Georgia	19. BYU	19. Pittsburgh	19. Texas	19. SMU	19. Washington
20. Washington	20. Florida St.	20. Boston Col.	20. Missouri	20. BYU	20. Okla. St.	20. Oklahoma	20. Okla. St.
21. Okla. St.							
22. Arkansas							
23. Tennessee							
24. Georgia							
25. Missouri							

FINAL COLLEGE FOOTBALL MATHEMATICAL RANKINGS

The mathematical method of ranking NCAA Division I-A teams was devised by Dr. Thomas Jech, professor of mathematics at Pennsylvania State University. It is an extension of what the standings would be if all the listed teams could play each other. Each team is assigned one point for a win and one-half for a tie, and the playing schedules are compared; for example, if two teams play identical schedules, the team with more wins is ranked higher. The following are the final mathematical rankings. Key: The first number (scale) gives a mathematical measure of performance on a logarithmic scale, the second (pct.) is the estimated percentage of the games that the team would win if it played all the listed teams.

No.	Team	Record	Scale	Pct
1.	Brigham Young	13-0-0	0.00	97.4
2.	Florida	9-1-1	1.32	91.6
3.	Washington	11-1-0	1.43	90.8
4.	Boston College	10-2-0	1.87	87.8
5.	Nebraska	10-2-0	2.05	85.7
6.	Oklahoma	9-2-1	2.28	83.3
7.	South Carolina	10-2-0	2.36	82.6
8.	Maryland	9-3-0	2.42	81.9
9.	Oklahoma St.	10-2-0	2.44	81.7
10.	Southern Cal	9-3-0	2.48	81.1
11.	Kentucky	9-3-0	2.49	81.0
12.	SMU	10-2-0	2.52	80.7
13.	Louisiana St.	8-3-1	2.54	80.5
14.	Rutgers	7-3-0	2.60	79.8
15.	West Virginia	8-4-0	2.73	78.2
16.	Syracuse	6-5-0	2.77	77.7
17.	Auburn	9-4-0	2.79	77.5
18.	Virginia	8-2-2	2.87	76.5
19.	Georgia	7-4-1	2.94	75.6
20.	Miami (Florida)	8-5-0	2.97	75.2
21.	Tennessee	7-4-1	2.98	75.1
22.	Ohio St.	9-3-0	2.99	74.9
23.	Penn St.	6-5-0	3.05	74.1
24.	UCLA	9-3-0	3.13	73.1
25.	Texas	7-4-1	3.15	72.8
26.	Notre Dame	7-5-0	3.16	72.7
27.	Florida St.	7-3-2	3.19	72.3
28.	Army	8-3-1	3.22	71.8
29.	Fulbright St.	11-1-0	3.26	71.3
30.	Clemson	7-4-0	3.33	70.3
31.	Nev.-Las Vegas	11-2-0	3.42	69.0
32.	Iowa	8-4-1	3.48	68.3
33.	Purdue	7-5-0	3.55	67.2
34.	Texas Christian	8-4-0	3.68	65.3
35.	Georgia Tech	6-4-1	3.68	65.3
36.	Houston	7-5-0	3.71	65.0
37.	Arkansas	7-4-1	3.71	65.0
38.	Michigan	6-6-0	3.73	64.7
39.	Illinois	7-4-0	3.76	64.2
40.	Wisconsin	7-4-1	3.79	63.8
41.	Virginia Tech	8-4-0	3.90	62.2
42.	Washington St.	6-5-0	3.96	61.3
43.	Air Force	8-4-0	3.98	60.9
44.	Alabama	5-6-0	3.99	60.8
45.	Arizona	7-4-0	4.03	60.2
46.	Vanderbilt	5-6-0	4.09	59.4
47.	Hawaii	7-4-0	4.19	57.9
48.	Baylor	5-6-0	4.22	57.5
49.	North Carolina	5-5-1	4.24	57.1
50.	Michigan St.	6-6-0	4.26	56.9
51.	Stanford	5-6-0	4.32	56.0
52.	Navy	4-6-1	4.45	54.1
53.	Pittsburgh	3-7-1	4.56	52.6
54.	Temple	6-5-0	4.56	52.6
55.	Oregon	6-5-0	4.66	51.1
56.	Texas A&M	6-5-0	4.68	50.9
57.	Wake Forest	6-5-0	4.72	50.2
58.	Arizona St.	5-6-0	4.77	49.5
59.	Kansas	5-6-0	4.99	46.4
60.	Mississippi	4-6-1	5.02	46.1
61.	Minnesota	4-7-0	5.12	44.6
62.	Utah	6-5-1	5.17	44.0
63.	Mississippi St.	4-7-0	5.33	41.8
64.	Memphis St.	5-5-1	5.34	41.6
65.	Tulane	3-8-0	5.48	39.8
66.	Missouri	3-7-1	5.53	39.0
67.	San Diego St.	4-7-1	5.62	37.9
68.	Toledo	8-3-1	5.71	36.7
69.	Wyoming	6-6-0	5.73	36.4
70.	Texas Tech	4-7-0	5.79	35.7
71.	San Jose St.	6-5-0	5.80	35.6
72.	Bowling Green	8-3-0	5.83	35.1
73.	Kansas St.	3-7-1	5.84	35.1
74.	Northwestern	2-9-0	5.95	33.7
75.	Central Michigan	8-2-1	6.04	32.5
76.	Colorado St.	3-8-0	6.35	28.6
77.	Long Beach St.	4-7-0	6.37	28.5
78.	Fresno St.	6-6-0	6.42	28.0
79.	Tulsa	6-5-0	6.50	27.0
80.	Duke	2-9-0	6.52	26.8
81.	California	2-9-0	6.65	25.3
82.	N. Carolina St.	3-8-0	6.72	24.5

83.	New Mexico	4-8-0	6.73	24.4
84.	Oregon St.	2-9-0	6.75	24.2
85.	Iowa St.	2-7-2	6.75	24.2
86.	SW Louisiana	6-5-0	6.91	22.4
87.	So. Mississippi	4-7-0	7.01	21.4
88.	Colorado	1-10-0	7.24	19.1
89.	Pacific	4-7-0	7.28	18.7
90.	Ohio U.	4-6-1	7.38	17.7
91.	Miami (Ohio)	4-7-0	7.43	17.3
92.	N. Illinois	4-6-1	7.51	16.5
93.	W. Michigan	5-6-0	7.55	16.2
94.	Rice	1-10-0	7.56	16.0
95.	Kent St.	4-7-0	7.72	14.6
96.	Utah St.	1-10-0	7.82	13.7
97.	Louisville	3-8-0	7.83	13.7
98.	Texas-El Paso	2-9-0	7.87	13.4
99.	Cincinnati	2-9-0	7.94	12.8
100.	East Carolina	2-9-0	8.08	11.8
101.	Ball St.	3-8-0	8.23	10.6
102.	E. Michigan	2-7-2	8.36	9.7
103.	New Mexico St.	2-9-0	8.76	7.3
104.	Wichita St.	2-9-0	8.97	6.2
105.	Indiana	0-11-0	9.61	3.6

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Sky's Supporting Cast Essential To Success

The word is out - Kenny Walker is a "keeper."

In the junkie world of basketball, that means Kenny Walker is one of the finest basketball players in his field and his domain is the collegiate basketball world.

Make no mistake about it, Walker has already proven his worth this season. He's on schedule to join the elite UK 1,000-point club within the next couple weeks. And unless the season is suddenly called off, Walker is likely to garner some All-American honors later this spring.

But all of Walker's heroics shouldn't drown the importance and contributions of others on this Kentucky team. Without four other players on the court, Walker would be nothing.

This is an unselfish group of players, but even the best of youngsters enjoy attention or they wouldn't be participating in such a high visibility sport.

Just for a moment, let's look at a few of the other Wildcats.

***BRET BEARUP** - Here's a young man who came to UK with stardom written all over him from Centerport, New York. He was a prep All-American by most everyone, averaged almost 30 points a game as a senior in high school. The adjustment to big-time college ball has been tough, but he's learned to live with the fact that his 30-point games are in the past. Still, he's a valuable contributor, especially as a rebounder and defensive stalwart. And he doesn't complain. Still, he deserves more credit than he receives.

***WINSTON BENNETT** - He was the star of stars in high school. After an impressive freshman year at UK, he expected even greater results this year. An injury slowed him considerably, but he has battled back. His aggressive play has often got him in foul trouble, sometimes when he even isn't guilty. His scoring is not 20 per game, but then again, he's not counted upon to carry that part of the load. Still, he deserves more credit than he receives.

***ROGER HARDEN** - Here's a young man who came from tradition-rich Indiana as that state's Mr. Basketball. He was never a great shooter in high school, but he could handle the ball and run the offense. Oh, how he could run the offense. Again, a young prep star is hit with the big-time transition. Harden is a fighter and seems to perform best when his back is against the wall. Not a great scorer, but he has improved his jumper by leaps and bounds. Defenses cannot totally ignore him from 18 feet. Although he'll never be a great scorer, Harden does the little things to make a team click, things which and average fan will

often overlook. Still, he deserves more credit than he receives.

***JAMES BLACKMON** - Another young star from the Hoosier State. James came to Kentucky with glowing reports from the recruiting experts. He displayed flashes of excellence last season. Much the same has followed this season. James is a player which should blossom into a big-time scorer and he probably will, but for the

weekly press conference that early games are just as important as late season games, but noted that a record can be misleading, depending on where the games to date have been played at home or on the road.

Kentucky was fortunate to have played its first two games at home and the initial road contest was at Ole Miss, probably the weakest school in the SEC.

when the Tigers lost at Mississippi State.

It's highly possible that 13-5 will win the league and then be shared by more than one team. Look for a number of schools to be bunched around that 10-8 mark.

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HITS AND MISSES. Kenny "Sky"

Walker was honored last week as the "Player of the Week" by Sports Illustrated for his play against Kansas, Auburn and North Carolina State. He followed those games with like exhibitions against Ole Miss and Alabama. . . Hall is still upset with official Dale Kelley over the incident at Ole Miss when James Blackmon took an elbow from Eric Laird. Reportedly, Hall has sought action from the SEC office. Hall said Kelley told him the elbow was an accident but Hall says he can't understand why a foul wasn't called. The incident brings memories back of the Dirk Minniefield-Sean Tuohy incident in Oxford a few years ago when Minniefield was guilty of taking a shot at the Ole Miss guard. Minniefield later was given a private reprimand by the SEC office. . . Tickets for the SEC Basketball Tournament in Birmingham March 6-9 are now available by mail order from UK. Tickets are \$60 each for the entire tourney. Information can be obtained by writing: UK Ticket Office, Room 3, Memorial Coliseum, Lexington, Kentucky 40506. . . The new idea on the collegiate scene is to promote game attendance by offering a once-in-a-lifetime shot at big prizes. This season Florida fans can win a new car by hitting three consecutive shots (a lay-up, a free throw and a mid-court shot). Persons buying game programs qualify for the chance and one lucky ticket is drawn at each home game. . . At Alabama, The Crimson Tide is going one better. The lucky ticket gets one chance of making a single basket about three-quarters the length of the floor. Only at Alabama, if you hit the big one, you don't win a new car, but \$100,000 (that's right, one hundred thousand dollars) cash. . . UK may have been lucky to have opened at Ole Miss for its first SEC road contest. Said coach Joe B. Hall, "our freshmen were in a state of shock in their first SEC game. They missed their home crowd." . . This is the big week as far as the NCAA is concerned. It is holding its annual convention in Nashville and some important legislation will be acted on which would change the present course of the NCAA. The most controversial proposals call for a plan where only Division I schools will vote on legislation which doesn't directly affect small schools.

SEC A Race To Finish Line

present he has been struggling off and on. Yet, he has been extremely valuable in many situations. Still, he deserves more credit than he has received.

Those are the starters, but what about the likes of Ed Davender, Troy McKinley, Richard Madison, Robert Lock, Paul Andrews, Cedric Jenkins, Todd Ziegler and Leroy Byrd.

The same can be said for them, especially McKinley, Davender and Madison. Of the three McKinley has gone unnoticed the most. A senior, McKinley has been called on in clutch situations more this year than his previous three seasons combined and he has responded well.

Davender, Madison, Lock, Ziegler and Jenkins are a little different. They are all freshmen and fully realize their days are yet to come. Andrews is a sophomore and has been on a roller-coaster. He's too good a player to stay down for long. He'll be back. And Byrd just might be the silent inspiration.

Now, back to Sky Walker. No one appreciates those players listed above more than Kenny Walker. He is quick to pass along praise to his teammates and he's one of the most unselfish players I've ever met.

Because it is so unusual for a Kentucky team to be so dominated by a single player, there are some who forget the unsung heroes. Fellas, we thought you should know that you're not forgotten.

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As so often happens in the Southeastern Conference, the early jump out of the gate doesn't mean you're going to win the SEC title. Mississippi State and Kentucky will likely discover that very soon.

Going into Wednesday's action, the two schools were tied for the league lead at 3-1 with Florida.

A game earlier State and UK were alone with 3-0 marks.

Coach Joe B. Hall pointed out at his

State won at Alabama, a shocker in anyone's book and upset LSU at home, another shocker when you consider the Tiger's talent. Still, State's true level may best be judged after its current road trip to Lexington. State lost at Auburn by eight, but that's no disgrace. A win over UK would send State to the top of the basketball world.

Despite two early season losses, Wimp Sanderson believes his Tide still has an excellent shot as a contender, especially after the Tide escaped with its victory over Kentucky.

"No one knows the SEC better than I do," joked Sanderson after the win. "heck, I was here when the conference was formed. I'm a pretty old fella at this SEC stuff."

And what about LSU? "They're tough," commented Wimp, "hey, they've got the best basketball talent in the league, better than us, better than Kentucky. Now don't get me wrong and don't get Dale (Brown) all mad at me, but as far as pure basketball talent, LSU is the best."

Sanderson sees another dogfight to the end.

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Sanderson isn't the only one predicting a dogfight. Add Joe B. Hall to that list. He believes the race will go right to the end.

In fact, Hall says four losses will easily win the conference title and five losses will give a team at least a tie.

If history tells us anything, he may be a little on the conservative side. Last season, UK was undefeated at home and 5-4 on the road and won it with a 14-4 mark. The year before UK tied for the title with a 13-5 record. Quite frankly, there is not a team in the league this year as good as Kentucky's of the past two seasons.

The key this March will be LSU. The Tigers are probably the only team capable of producing a 14-4 conference mark and that theory was punctured

A Sure-Bet In the SEC?

So you say you can pick college basketball games with any of the Las Vegas experts. I don't believe it; especially if your specialization is Southeastern Conference basketball this season.

For instance, I'll bet you picked little-known Mississippi State to beat SEC favorite LSU in Assembly Center. It was such a sure thing that Tennessee would drill Sonny Smith's talented Auburn group by 14 that you bet the weekly paycheck on your certain prognostication. How about the lock of the year, those Baton Rouge Tiger-killing Mississippi State Bulldogs handling host Alabama with high-scorers Bobby Lee Hurt and Buck Johnson.



Nick Nicholas

Cats' Pause Columnist

If you picked those three games then I should be writing a story about you, the college basketball prognosticator of the South, instead of trying to figure out what's going on in the mixed up antics of Southeastern Conference basketball in '85.

At one stretch this season Kentucky and Mississippi State were leading the conference with 3-0 slates.

Mississippi State?

Wasn't that the team most everyone around the SEC said didn't have a chance to compete against the likes of the LSUs, Alabamas, and Auburns?

And while we're on the subject, what about the Bengal Tigers, Crimson Tide, and Plainsmen? Well, (at the time the story was written) they are fourth, seventh, and eighth respectively. Kind of strange isn't it?

The funny thing is that when asking a few of the coaches around the SEC they didn't seem the least bit surprised, especially about the recent home team domination in league play.

"I think the surprising thing would be if everything was normal," said assistant coach Monte Towe of Florida in a recent phone interview with TCP.



Sanderson Is Not Surprised

"The only thing that has surprised me is LSU has lost twice. I didn't expect that."

Now an assistant to Coach Norm Sloan, Towe was the starting guard on the North Carolina State team (coached by Sloan) that defeated Marquette for the 1974 NCAA title in Greensboro, N.C.

When asked about the home team's advantage (11-4 after January 9) one SEC head coach didn't seem to be startled by the latter statistic.

"It hasn't surprised me at all," said Alabama head coach Wimp Sanderson in a recent phone interview. It's nothing new.

"Show me a team that's going to win a lot of road games and I'll show you a team that's going to go very far in the national tournament."

"Home court domination is existent about every year in the conference," mentioned Towe.

As of January 10, only LSU, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Mississippi State, have won games while being the visiting team in SEC competition.

What about fouls being the culprit victimizing certain SEC guests? Could that be a possibility Wimp?

"That may have a little bit to do with it," responded Sanderson. Total free throw attempts and fouls committed may be the hidden factor in why the home teams have been prevailing so much. First, lets look in our own backyard -- Rupp Arena.

"I think the surprising thing would be if everything was normal," said assistant coach Monte Towe of Florida.

Against Auburn and Vanderbilt the Wildcats have had an edge in the two pertaining categories but a slight edge. In free throws attempted UK tried 21 and was whistled for 15 personal fouls while Auburn took 14 charity tosses while being called for 18 fouls. In the Vandy win, Kentucky was called for 16 fouls and shot 18 free throws compared to Vanderbilt's 17 fouls and 13 charity attempts.

In SEC games played January 9, all four home teams were called for less fouls (64 to 89) and shot more free throws (100 to 55) than the visiting squads. The only game, of the four referred to-out of the ordinary was the Auburn-Tennessee matchup at the Stokley Athletic Center. Auburn, who lost the game 86-74, was guilty of 29 fouls in contrast to only 14 by the host Vols. Meanwhile, at the free throw stripe Tennessee had 42 chances compared to 11 by the Tigers.

How 'bout that home court advantage?

I'm not going to argue though about what's right and what's wrong. Let somebody else, like the league's office, get involved with such technicalities. All I want to do is find out what makes this conference so unique this year. What makes it tick?

Could it be that all ten teams in the SEC are capable of winning during any given night in league play? Is it that balanced?

Said Coach Joe Hall, "The league race is probably indicative of the way the SEC schedule starts off.

"It's probably indicative of the inability to project the impact of JC (Junior College) players like at Mississippi State. The league probably has as much balance as it ever has. Although the schedule will likely even out the early standings."

So, in economic terms, the SEC in '85 shows that the supply and demand figures have leveled off as the 10 teams now appear equal to one another. Even a 12-6 SEC slate wouldn't be out of the ordinary for the regular season conference crown.

"I think a lot of people would take a 12-6 record in their conference games," said Towe. "It's going to be tough for one team to win 15, 16, or 17 games in this conference."

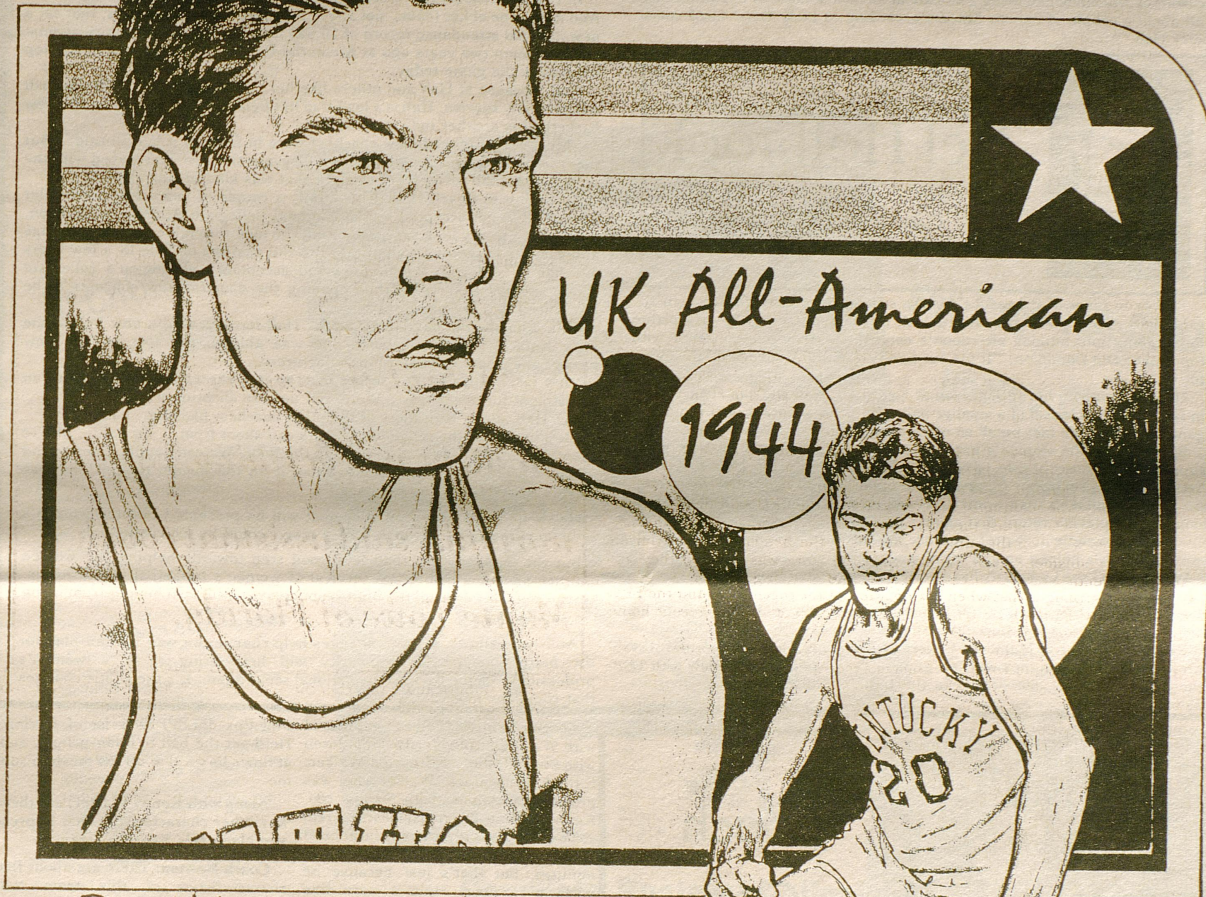
"That's not out of the rim of possibility," commented Sanderson in relation to 12-6 winning the conference. "I think 14-4 could win it and maybe 13-5. I think six (losses) might be too many."

It may be too early to predict, but the SEC race will probably be still up for grabs until the final week of action. There doesn't seem to be any clear-cut choice for the league title at this point of the schedule.

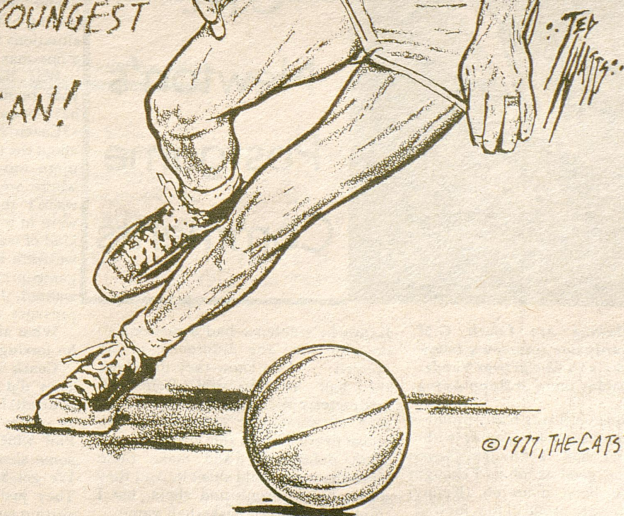
"I don't think there's no one dominant team," Towe said. "I don't see anyone dominating."

For now, that's the way things appear to be.

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Hall Delighted With Smaller Basketball

The switch to a smaller basketball in the women's collegiate game may be a subtle one, but it could have major implications.

Since women started playing the sport at colleges and universities across the nation, they have dribbled the same basketball used by men. But this season the women began using a ball about an inch smaller in circumference and about a couple of ounces lighter, according to Lady Kats' head coach Terry Hall.



Mel Holbrook

Cats' Pause Columnist

"I was in favor of it because women's hands are smaller than men's," said Hall, whose team was ranked 13th in the country by the Associated Press going into Sunday afternoon's contest at Memorial Coliseum with top-ranked Old Dominion. "It fits our hands better and speeds up the game for us."

Hall, currently in her fifth season at Kentucky, said she has always been in favor of the proposal of a smaller ball. She is an advocate of the running game, utilizing the fast break as often as possible.

Speeding up the women's game is exactly what it needs to draw more support from those people who claim the women are too slow to watch. Actually, that's an unfair theory for the opposition to use, since most men are bigger and faster than women. Nonetheless, a smaller basketball could help women players refute that claim.

"We just handle it better because of the size of our hands," Hall explained. "It's helped us in a lot of ways."

With the way the Lady Kats have played so far this season, Hall shouldn't have any complaints about the new basketball. Hall, the winningest women's basketball coach in UK history entering this season, has watched her team get off to a fast start; 11-3 after last Sunday's narrow 64-63 loss to the Lady Monarchs at Memorial Coliseum. The Lady Kats, unranked in the pre-season polls, won their first six games. They had lost previously only to the Lady Monarchs, 66-59, and to the Indiana University Lady Hoosiers 65-64.

Hall's contributions have been astounding. She has a record of 98-35 with the Lady Kats and is 191-95 overall including previous stints with the Eastern Kentucky University Lady Colonels and the University of Louisville Lady Cardinals.

In 10-plus seasons, Hall's collegiate teams have never had a losing record. And it was one of her teams, not any of the other women's powers, that set a new national attendance record of 10,622 fans in UK's 80-66 victory against Old Dominion two years ago at Memorial Coliseum. Hall is one of the top coaches in the game today.

And, because of Hall and others like her, women's collegiate basketball will probably survive. Hall is a leader in her field, and her support of the new basketball is another indication of that.

"Most of them (her fellow coaches) were in favor of it," Hall said. "But there were a few who thought it was a disgrace since we had played with the larger basketball for years. I thought that was kind of ridiculous."

According to Coach Hall, it took only a couple of years for the smaller basketball to get accepted by the National Collegiate Athletic Association, but it was a pretty long process getting the idea through coaches' meetings and past the basketball committee. But the passage of Title IX a few years ago has helped with the funding and acceptance of women's collegiate sports such as basketball, thus opening the door for new concepts to be introduced into the game.

Still, adjustments have to be made. Hall introduced the new ball to the Lady Kats last summer, when she was able to get four or five new basketballs from out-of-state manufacturers.

"It's taken a lot of time to get used to it," she said. "It took quite an adjustment for our players. We're not used to shooting with it."

But Hall, along with most of the other coaches, likes the change.

"It's improved the range our players can shoot from," she said. "We're shooting better from 20-22 feet out on the floor. We can handle it better and rebound it better. It's tougher to shoot it on the inside, though, because players tend to put it up too hard."

Hall said she doubts a smaller goal will be presented into the women's game anytime soon, because such a move would be too costly.

But the smaller basketball is a good step towards helping the women improve and thus insure the survival of women's basketball on all levels. Maybe someday soon all the high school players will also benefit from using the smaller ball.

And, who knows, if these changes help change the way women play for the better, maybe its popularity will help bring about a women's professional league back on the national scene again. It's the subtle changes that count the most.



Coach C.M. Newton's Postgame Comments

The following are Coach C.M. Newton's postgame comments following Kentucky's 75-68 win over Vanderbilt last Monday night at Rupp Arena.

Coach Newton: I was really proud of our basketball team for playing within the plan we had. I thought Steven Reece did as good as job as I thought could have been done on (Kenny) Walker. I'm very proud of him for that. We didn't execute as well offensively as would have liked. I'm sure

Kentucky's defense had something to do with that. The difference, in my opinion . . . I do know they did shoot the ball awfully well from the perimeter. We're going to have to give up something somewhere. We chose to try and do the job under the paint defensively, and make them show that they could shoot it. And they didn't have uncontested shots, but I think that was the basketball game.

Were you impressed with Kenny Walker's performance?

Coach Newton: I was impressed with Walker and I was also impressed with Steve Reece's defense on Walker. I think if you ask Walker, he was probably impressed with Steve too. Kenny's a fine player. He posts up real strong. He gives me the appearance of being in that three-second lane for five minutes, but that's just because he posts so strong. He's a very fine player. They do an excellent job of getting him the ball and creating good situations for him. (Though) it's never a one-man deal.

Was Kentucky's pressure forcing your team to play quicker than you have been?

Coach Newton: No, we played about the tempo we wanted. I thought, there was a stretch in the first half where we got a little antsy. But it wasn't their pressure because they were in a zone at that time. It was us kind of wanting to get away from what we were trying to do. We played the game pretty much in the tempo we wanted. I thought we handled their pressure very well.

What about Cox's play tonight, was he forcing his game?

Coach Newton: No, Cox did fine. They did a great job keying on Phil. (Darrell) Dulaney gets 13 and Cox gets 14 -- they were keying very strong on Phil which opened up the lane for some shots -- and Jeff Gary gets six. We got 33 points out of our guards. They just did a really good job on getting out to him (Cox) and keying on him. I tell you another thing about Phil Cox: Phil is a very good scorer, but

Phil Cox doesn't do a lot of forcing. He'll get the ball to other people, and at times he gives it up too much to suit me.

Along with Kenny Walker, are there any other characteristics that impress you about this Kentucky team?

Coach Newton: There are about five characteristics of this team that impress me. I think they're a well-conditioned basketball team, they're very well-conditioned. Walker is able to play longer . . . as is Bennett and the other guards. They're a well-conditioned team. They're a very well-coached basketball team, they know what they're about. They change their defenses well and they get into their offense well. They are a team of very quick, athletic talent, which is uncharacteristic of recent Kentucky teams. They're a team that plays big. You guys are spoiled around here. You had two seven-footers (last few years), and you (media) talk about how they are not a big team. When you look out there and see how big Walker plays and look at (Bret) Bearup in the middle along with (Robert) Lock and then the (Cedric) Jenkins kid, there's three big kids. We had to play Brett Burrow for 40 minutes (37 minutes to be exact) to play against three people. The rap has been that they have not been a good shooting basketball team. They disproved that tonight. They shoot 51 percent and Harden is 6 for 7. I know he made five straight off the perimeter. I think they are a very good basketball team.

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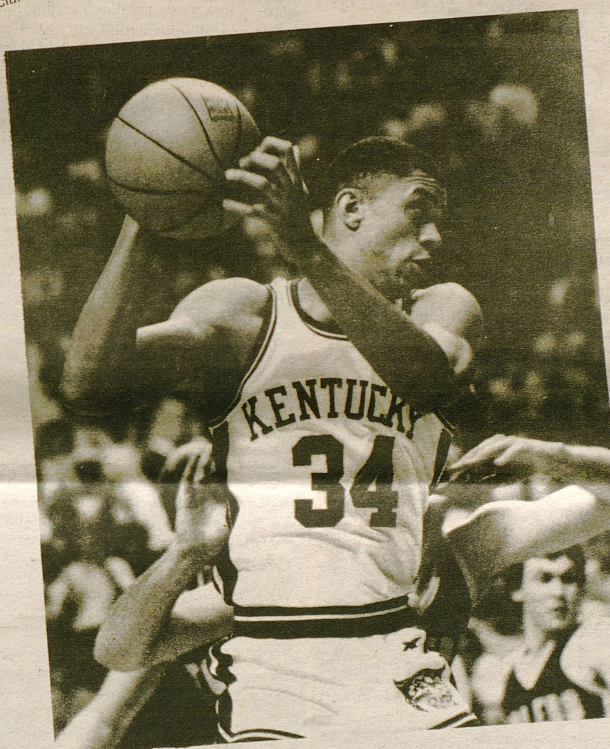
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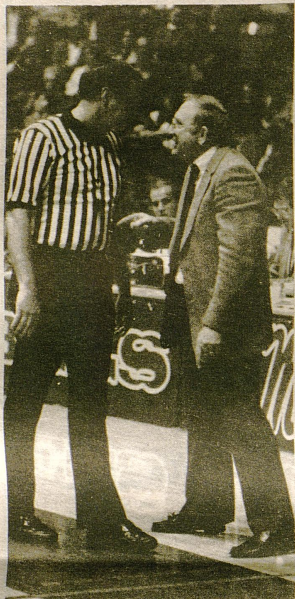
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Coach Lee Hunt's Comments

"Kentucky is a good basketball team. I think they will have a lot to say about who will win the conference. They will get better as the year goes on."

"We played well in the first half defensively, but didn't shoot well either half. The shots we had were good... about twelve of them in the paint."

"Our zone defense played well in the first half. Neither team shot well in the first half, but Kentucky came out and shot well in the second and we didn't."

"We created a lot of turnovers, about 10 in the first half and several in the second, but didn't convert. Naturally that's trouble."

"Kenny Walker is one of the premier players in the conference and the country."

Junior Kenny Walker exploded for 24 points in the final half and helped rally the Kentucky Wildcats to a 57-45 win over home-standing Ole Miss as the Cats coasted to their eighth win of the season and their seventh in a row.

After a dismal first half, the Cats broke open a close game in the first ten minutes of the second half with a 14-point Kenny Walker show as the Cats stormed to a 34-25 lead at the 12:00 mark.

The win improved the Cats' mark to 8-4 for the season and 3-0 in the conference, good enough for a first place tie with Mississippi State. Ole Miss record fell to 0-4 in the conference and 6-6 overall.

Offenses Struggle During First Half

In what may have been the poorest first half in years in the SEC, neither team played well enough to beat a high school club. Kentucky shot a miserable 37.5 clip from the field and Ole Miss was worse at 32.1 percent on nine of 28.

The two clubs' defenses were so bad that not a single free throw was attempted during the first twenty minutes. The Wildcats were guilty of a whopping ten turnovers and Ole Miss five. Kentucky's 20-14 edge in rebounds kept the Wildcats from being totally embarrassed.

That and Troy McKinley's outside shooting late in the first period. He came off the bench to hit three of four long range bombs to keep the Cats in the contest, his last being a 17-footer which gave the Cats an 18-18 intermission tie.

Defense And Walker Come To Rescue

Switching to a man-to-man defense and Kenny Walker coming alive offensively in the second half spelled doom for the Ole Miss Rebs.

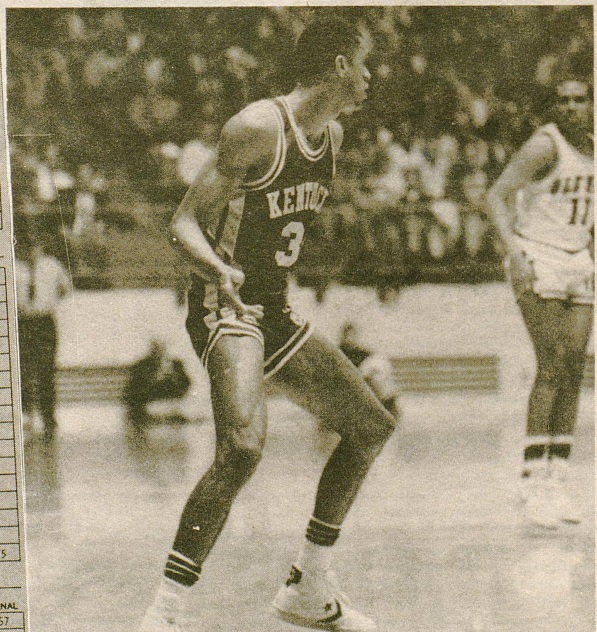
Kentucky's zone defense gave way to the man-to-man and Ole Miss found the going pretty tough as turnovers began to mount.

At the same time, Ole Miss began running out of gas in trying to stop Walker. After a great job on the Roberta, Georgia, native in the first half, the Rebs just couldn't stay with the All-American candidate in the late going.

As in previous games, Walker just kept on going, wanting the ball inside and usually scoring when he got it. Fifteen seconds into the second half, Walker powered his way inside for a three-point play and he was off to the races.

While Walker was doing most of the damage, Bret Bearup and Winston Bennett were controlling the boards when Kenny wasn't.

OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE														
Date JAN. 9, 1985 Site TAD SMITH COLISEUM (Oxford)														
VISITORS (Last Name, First)														
No.	KENTUCKY	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	PF	TP	MIN	A	TO	BLK	S	
34	Kenny Walker	1	9	16	10	14	12	4	28	40	3	4	1	5
25	Winston Bennett	1	2	5	0	0	6	4	4	24	0	0	0	0
24	Bret Bearup	c	2	3	0	0	7	4	4	26	0	3	2	2
10	James Blackmon	g	3	8	1	1	1	4	7	31	5	2	0	0
23	Roger Harden	g	3	5	0	0	3	1	6	19	2	2	0	0
00	Leroy Byrd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
14	Paul Andrews	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
15	Ed Davender	0	1	0	2	1	2	0	0	18	2	3	0	1
40	Troy McKinley	4	7	0	0	2	1	8	22	0	1	0	0	0
42	Richard Madison	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	10	0	1	0	0
44	Robert Lock	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	0
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31	Joe Ayers	f	1	11	0	2	4	2	2	38	1	3	0	1
34	Derek Horne	c	0	2	0	1	3	5	0	18	0	2	0	0
11	Joe Coleman	g	1	4	0	0	2	2	2	18	2	3	1	1
5	Eric Laird	g	5	10	8	10	3	2	18	35	1	2	0	1
23	Andre Laird	3	3	0	0	1	2	6	18	2	2	0	1	0
35	Don Royster	3	6	1	3	5	2	7	27	1	1	0	0	
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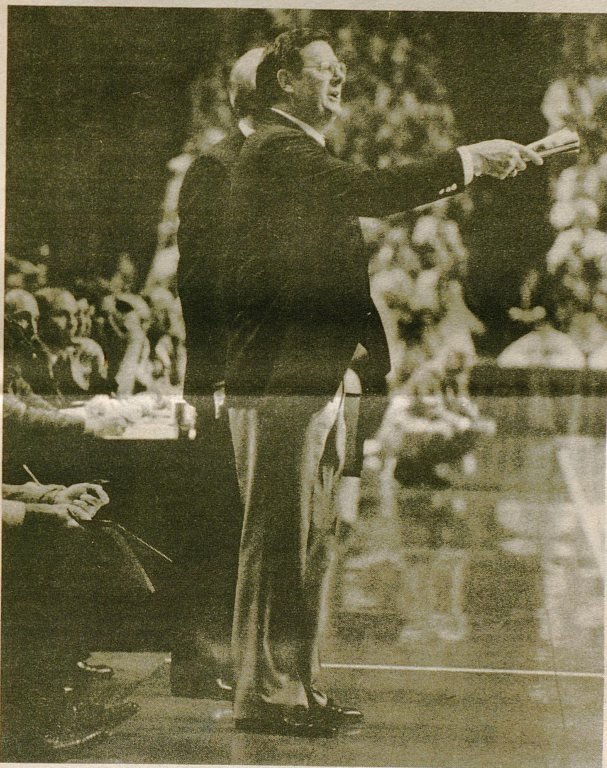
There was no contest for this honor as Walker grabbed 28 points and 12 rebounds in what coach Joe B. Hall described as "perhaps Kenny's finest game of the year."

He was the only Wildcat in double figures as McKinley finished second in that department with 8 points. UK enjoyed a decisive rebounding edge at 39-26 as Bearup chipped in with 7 and Bennett added 6.

Eric Laird was Ole Miss' top performer with 18 points. Curtis Ritchwood, who scored 8 points in the first half, was limited to two free throws the last half and went 0-4 from the field during the last twenty minutes.

Game Notes

The 57-45 win over Ole Miss was the Cats first road win of the year in the SEC and upped the Cats' advantage in the series to 65-5. It was UK's seventh straight win over Ole Miss. The last time Ole Miss has beaten Kentucky was on January 13, 1982, when UK lost 67-65. UK is 16-3 in Tad Smith Coliseum, but as Hall remarked after the game, "I can't remember the last time we've left here feeling good." Despite the lopsided record, Ole Miss usually plays the Cats very tough, only to lose in the final minutes. Walker's 28 points inched him closer to the coveted 1,000-point club. After the Ole Miss game, Kenny had scored 917 points as a Wildcat.



Joe Hall From The Bench

Coach Hall's Comments

"Ole Miss came ready to play. They really stuck us defensively and did a good job of keeping the ball away from Kenny (Walker) in the first half.

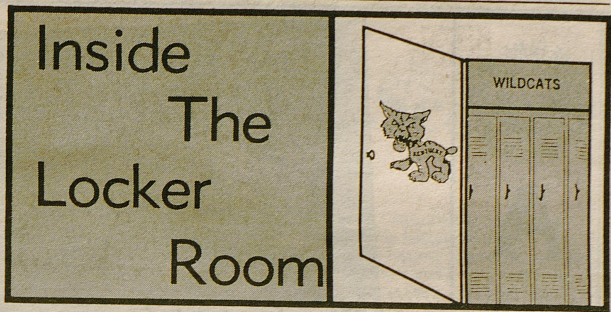
"The difference was probably our switch to the man-to-man defense the second half. That picked up our tempo on both ends of the court. We did not do a good job in the zone in the first half.

"Another key was getting the ball to

Kenny more in the second half. I think our players just did a better job of getting the ball to him. Then Kenny was doing a good job once he got the ball. He usually got it in a crowd, but he was able to just stick it in.

"Troy McKinley came in and got some key baskets in the first half.

"We didn't get much help from our freshmen, but maybe that's to be somewhat expected on the road."



Troy McKinley

(About playing 22 minutes, his most ever in a Wildcat uniform, mainly because of a good defensive effort against Mississippi)

I just tried to come out and play hard. I came out the first time and we were playing a zone. We went to man-to-man in the second and I didn't expect to play that much. The coach stuck me in there and I just tried to hustle and stay with my man the best I could.

(About his defensive efforts giving him confidence for the remainder of the season)

It does give me a lot of confidence. I guess we'll look at the films and see what I did wrong and go back and work on those things. I've just got to come out each time and hustle.

(About the difference going on the road in the SEC)

It's real tough going on the SEC road. It seems like every team is up for us. Everybody is after us; it's really tough.

(About UK's chances in the SEC)

It looks good right now (but) it's early in the season. LSU has a fine ballclub, and with Alabama and Mississippi State it's going to be real tough.

Roger Harden

(About playing on the road)

It's very different. If we would have came out with a little bit more enthusiasm the first half wouldn't

have went like it did. But I'll take the type of win we had tonight on the road against Mississippi.

(About the lack of home support for Mississippi hurting the Wildcats)

That's very true. We're spoiled playing in front of the Rupp Arena fans. When we come into a laxed atmosphere like it was tonight it may take a little bit of our enthusiasm out of us.

James Blackmon

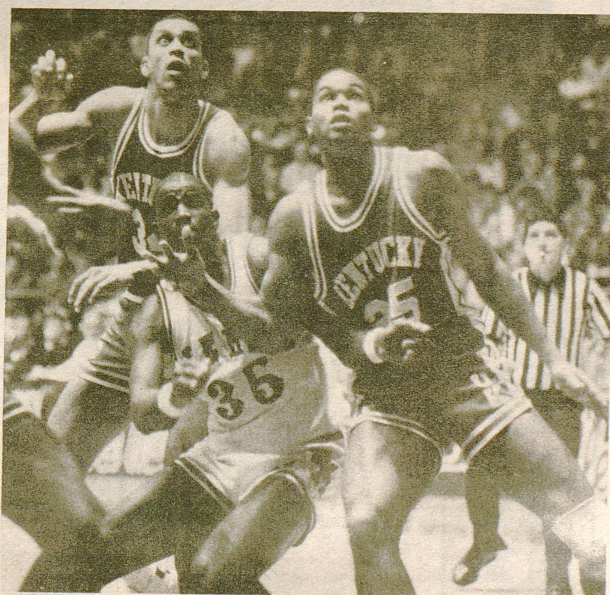
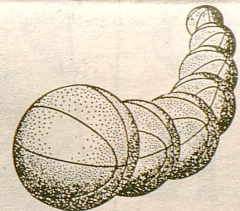
(On elbow from Eric Laird)

It looked intentional but I don't think it was intentional. (Laird later apologized and said he was only trying to get Blackmon off his back.)

Kenny Walker

(On his 28-point exhibition)

I come to play, that's the bottom line. I just go out and play as hard as I can as long as I can. In the second half my teammates did a great job of getting the ball to me.



Winston Seeking An Edge



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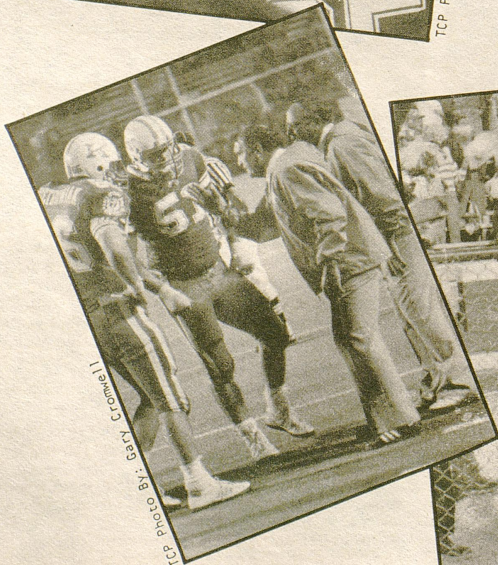
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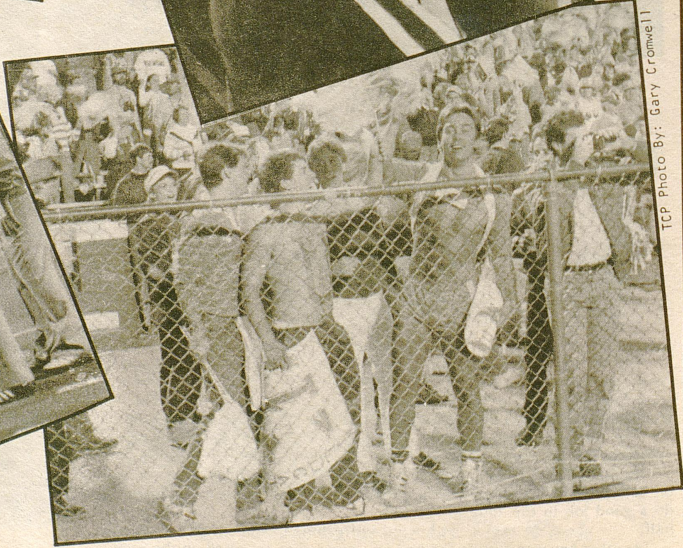
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Mastering The State's Prep Scene

Kentucky high school football players are often overlooked by major college recruiters.

For years the experts have said Kentucky's high school programs weren't on the same level with those in most other states. The lack of spring football practice and the small number of high schools in the state were the two most common reasons given for Kentucky's lack of big-time football players.

UK Coach Jerry Claiborne and his staff, though, have started to destroy the myth about Kentucky's lack of talent.

Claiborne opened the door for Kentucky players when he took the UK job following the 1981 season. This year's 9-3 team, which beat Wisconsin 20-19 in the Hall of Fame Bowl, was full of home-grown talent that other schools overlooked.



Larry Vaught

Cats' Pause Columnist

Offensive tackle Vernon Johnson was lightly recruited when he was a senior at Laurel County High School in London. Johnson recalls, "Most SEC (Southeastern Conference) schools didn't think a player from Laurel County could play in their league. What those recruiters didn't realize was that players from small schools often have potential that has not been reached. But recruiters often go to the big cities and forget the small schools."

One of Claiborne's priorities when he came to UK from Maryland was to land every major college prospect in the Bluegrass. Some of the state's top seniors got away in 1982, Claiborne's first year. However, UK's 1983 and 1984 recruits have included the best gridders from the Kentucky prep ranks.

"All good teams control their state," says UK assistant coach Jake Hallum. "Controlling your own state is a must if you want to compete with other schools."

That's why Hallum spent one Friday night driving 35 miles to Danville to watch Ashland quarterback Chuck Broughton in action against Boyle County this year. Hallum would have liked to have stayed in Lexington to watch his own son play for Tates Creek. But he says, "We have to see all the prospects we can in person. Just looking at film doesn't always tell the whole story about a player."

The work paid off, though, when Broughton was the first prospect to announce that he would attend UK next year.

Recruiting, though, has no guarantees. UK assistant coach Jerry Eisaman explains, "Everybody works to keep the best players at home. But the best kid in Florida leaves the state some years. The best kid in Georgia might get away one year or the best in Pennsylvania may want to leave."

"Family ties to an out-of-state school can influence a kid. Or maybe a Catholic kid grows up dreaming of playing for Notre Dame. Just because you want players to stay home doesn't mean they will."

"But we are getting good reaction across the state now. All the top prospects are interested in UK. Other years we were third, fourth or fifth on the list but now UK is number one with a lot of them. That's a big change from how it was when we first got here."

Kentucky started as many as 15 in-state players this season. UK's starting backfield — George Adams of Lexington, Bill Ransdell of Elizabethtown and Chris Derry of Villa Hills — were all Bluegrass products.

"Kentucky may not have as many good high school athletes as other states but we have players who can play on the major college level," says defensive guard Frank Hare of Lexington. "Coach Claiborne draws on your in-state pride. He wants kids growing up with the blue and white."

"The players here now have put to rest the myth that Kentucky high schools don't produce top players. If UK can take over the state this program will go right to the top. If Kentucky controls the state again this year the way it did last year everybody will want to come here."

Eisaman says the success of this year's team does more than influence the 1985 recruiting class. He says, "Our success the next few years will influence kids in junior high. Naturally, we want all the good players we can get now but we are also looking to the future. Eighth- and ninth-grade players see us on TV or read about us in the newspapers and then they want to come here. Winning really helps the long range outlook."

But UK wasn't winning when it landed players like Mark Logan of Lexington, the MVP at the Hall of Fame Bowl, or Jerry Reese of Hopkinsville 1982.

"I wanted to be part of helping UK improve," says Logan, a standout running back. "I'm glad I can say I stayed in my hometown to play. Next to getting married, choosing your college is the biggest decision of your life."

"Maybe George (Adams) and Cornell (Burbage) and I were part of the reason that more guys from Lexington (freshmen Chris Chenault, Ron Mack, Bo Smith and Tony Mills) stayed here."

"I always thought there was good talent here in the state and I wondered why UK didn't sign more of that talent. Of course, more recruiters may decide now to recruit stronger in Kentucky."

Reese, a freshman defensive tackle, also signed with UK after the 0-10-1 campaign in 1982. He says, "I thought then that if Kentucky could get all the best players to stay in state that it could have a good team. I had thought of that before I was even recruited."

Last year Mark Higgs of Owensboro and Joe Curry of Madisonville were the state's top recruits. Both chose UK. The Wildcats are hoping to again land the top blue-chip prospects but Eisaman says, "You also have to watch kids with size who may blossom late. A lot of players are blue chip prospects by their junior year but a bigger kid sometimes develops slower. You have to give a hard look at what kind of player that kid will be in two years. Sometimes he might be better than the current blue chipper."

"And if you are recruiting two kids that are about equal but one is from out of state you have to take the kid from Kentucky. The in-state player will have more pride and will work harder. Plus, people will come to see him play. You still have to go out of state to get players but we want to develop our state pride."

Hare is UK's best spokesman for staying inside the state. The 255-pound senior says, "We have a great coach and great facilities here. Players want to stay home so there parents don't have to fly to see them play. If you have a chance to play for your state school I don't know why you would leave. Most players I know that have left aren't happy. The best place for a kid in this state to go is the University of Kentucky."

New Louisville Coach Howard Schnellenberger might argue that point with Hare. And the new Louisville mentor may lure some in-state athletes away from the Wildcats.

However, Kentucky's success the last two years seems to back up Hare's claim. But the real testimony to Claiborne's rebuilding program will come when the national signing period opens Feb. 13.

"Recruiting seems to be going well," says Claiborne, "but we won't know for sure until the signing date. You can't take anything for granted in this business."

UK BASKETBALL Coach Joe Hall says this year's team has to be mentally tough to make up for its lack of size and experience. He says the team must play hard to be successful and the Cats certainly are scrappy on the floor.

"This team doesn't practice as well as the 1978 team but they play with the same aggressiveness," says Hall. "I think of the Robey-Lee-Givens team and the Conner-Greyev-Flynn team when I see how this group plays."

Both those groups went to the NCAA title game. The Robey-Lee-Givens group won the title in 1978 while the Conner-Greyev-Flynn team was national runner-up in 1975.

NO ONE was happier to see Kentucky upset North Carolina State than freshman guard Ed Davender.

Seems Davender played against State's Lorenzo Charles, Russell Pierre and Ernie Myers when all were growing up in New York.

"I sure wanted to beat those guys on national television," says Davender. "It makes it a lot easier to go home."

HALL DOESN'T expect to see many trick defenses designed to stop Kenny Walker during the Southeastern Conference season.

"Most coaches don't like to disrupt their system to stop one player," says the UK mentor. "You might win a game but destroy your defensive philosophy. You like to build your players' faith in what you are doing. You don't do that with trick defenses even though I'm sure we might see some the rest of the year."

TROY MCKINLEY'S shooting touch this season has been no surprise. But Hall insists McKinley's outside shot is not the only reason he has received more playing time lately.

"What has been impressive about Troy to me is his rebounding and defense," says Hall. "He's been alert defensively and that affords us the opportunity to use him more."

"He's a situational player. When we are in a zone and the other team is also playing a zone we can use Troy a lot. And he is such a good shooter that you are disappointed when every shot doesn't go in."

Kentucky



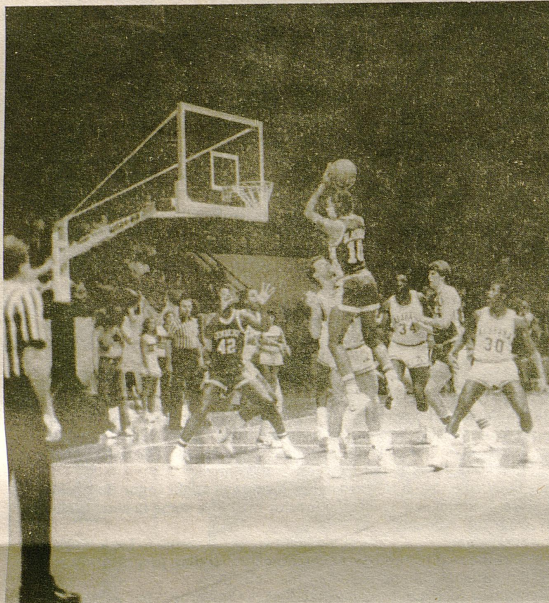
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Jan 12, 1985

Alabama



Squaring Up For Two

Wimp Sanderson says no one knows the Southeastern Conference and its teams any better than him and after his highly regarded Alabama Crimson Tide held off a frantic Kentucky rally Saturday, Sanderson, was no doubt, glad the game was played in Tuscaloosa.

Before a sellout crowd of 15,043 (there were a couple thousand no-shows as the game was regionally televised over CBS-TV), Alabama took a relative commanding lead for most of the game, but the Wildcats stormed back in the final minutes and almost pulled a major upset.

A Kenny Walker jumper fell just inches short from the top of the circle or the two clubs still might be playing. It was a disappointing end to a dramatic performance for the junior All-American candidate who practically carried the UK offense alone.

"He's a tremendous player," said Sanderson after the game, "but we proved that Alabama can still win even if Bobby Lee (Hurt) and Buck (Johnson) are shut down.

Crimson Tide Takes Lead Early

Neither team did anything to brag about during the first five minutes of the game as Jim Farmer's lay-up was the only points to dent the scoreboard during the first four minutes. A three-point play by Kenny Walker on a jump-hook and a free throw gave the Wildcats a 3-2 lead at 15:57, their only lead of the night.

As usual, Alabama opened with a man-to-man defense and Kentucky countered likewise. The defensive pressure showed with sub .500 shooting percentages for both clubs.

The Tide eased out to a 10-5 lead at the 12:00 mark as Darrell Neal hit a driving shot before Kentucky rallied to knot the score at 13, 15 and 17.

That's when the Tide went on a roll. Over the next 3:14, Alabama blitzed out to a 26-19 lead on jumpers from Terry Coner, Jim Farmer, Darrell Neal and Mike Gottfried plus a free throw from Bobby Lee Hurt. Meanwhile, Kentucky could muster up only James Blackmon's 15-footer.

Kentucky sliced the lead to four on a jumper by Roger Harden and a free throw from Kenny Walker at 26-22 with 1:40 left, but Gottfried pumped in a 13-footer and Neal canned a 20-footer at 0:16 to give the Tide a 30-22 halftime lead.

Second Half More Of The First Half

Alabama appeared ready to blow the Cats out of the arena when Hurt connected on a short hook shot early in the second period for a 32-22 lead, but that's when UK made its best run of the afternoon.

Kentucky got as hot as a two-dollar pistol. Junior Winston Bennett powered his way inside to get a two-shot foul and connected on both attempts. Some fifty seconds later, Bennett banked in a 10-foot jump shot off the glass and then Walker canned two in a row to narrow the lead to 32-30.

The Tide responded with an eight-point binge, good on three-point plays by Coner and Neal and Buck Johnson's two free throws. The scoring spree surrounded Walker's two free throws and put the Tide back up by eight at 40-32.

Coach Sanderson's Comments

QUOTING ALABAMA HEAD COACH WIMP SANDERSON ON WIN OVER KENTUCKY:

"It was a good defensive effort for our basketball team. It was the difference in the game. Kenny Walker only got 8 points in the first half and he earned every one of them. Besides James Blackmon, who got above his average, we held everybody else below their average. And when you can do that you're going to win."

"People seem to say that if you can stop the Alabama inside game with Bobby Lee Hurt and Buck Johnson, you can win the game. That didn't hold true today.

"We could have won the game pretty easily if we would have hit the

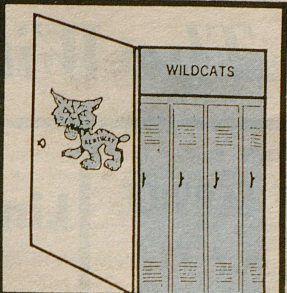
free throws down the stretch, but our defense carried us. I think Buck did a great job on Kenny Walker. He got his 25 points, but he's never worked harder for them."

"We found a third rebounder today -- a real big guy -- Mark Gottfried. I guess we'll start playing him underneath."

"I was tickled to death with this win over Kentucky and now all the teams in the league have one loss. The whole summarization of the game that we didn't shoot that well from the field. We weren't playing winning offensive basketball, but we played hard on defense and really hit the defensive boards and that was the difference."

OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE		Date JAN. 12, 1985 Site MEMORIAL GYM (TUSCALOOSA)												
VISITORS (Last Name, First)														
No.	KENTUCKY (8-5)	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	PF	TP	MIN	A	TO	BLK	S	
34	Kenny Walker	f	7	15	11	15	14	2	25	37	1	2	0	1
25	Winston Bennett	f	2	7	2	4	6	5	6	27	0	0	0	0
24	Bret Bearup	c	0	0	1	2	7	4	1	27	1	4	0	0
10	James Blackmon	g	6	14	0	0	2	1	12	40	4	0	0	1
23	Roger Harden	g	3	8	0	0	1	2	6	34	4	0	0	0
15	Ed Davender	2	5	0	0	0	3	4	4	5	0	0	0	0
40	Troy McKinley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
42	Richard Madison	1	5	0	0	2	1	2	2	20	0	0	0	1
44	Robert Lock	1	3	0	0	2	1	2	2	7	1	0	0	0
55	Cedric Jenkins	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0
TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals)														
TOTALS		22	57	14	21	36	20	58	200	11	8	0	3	
FG %: 1st Half		9/25--36.0		13/31--41.9		Game		22/57--38.6	Deadball		Rebounds			1
FT %: 1st Half		4/8--50.0		10/13--76.9		Game		14/21--66.7						
HOME														
No.	ALABAMA (11-3)	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	PF	TP	MIN	A	TO	BLK	S	
21	Jim Farmer	f	4	9	0	1	2	3	8	29	0	0	0	
32	Buck Johnson	f	3	8	4	4	13	4	10	37	4	5	0	
34	Bobby Lee Hurt	c	1	3	3	10	11	4	5	40	0	2	1	
30	Terry Coner	g	6	12	4	7	3	3	16	40	8	2	0	
23	Mark Gottfried	g	5	11	0	0	8	2	10	35	1	1	0	
40	Darrell Neal	4	8	2	2	2	4	10	13	1	0	0	1	
41	Derrick McKey	0	0	1	2	2	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	
TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals)														
TOTALS		23	51	14	26	42	20	60	200	14	10	1	5	
FG %: 1st Half		12/26--46.2		13/25--52.0		Game		23/51--45.0	Deadball		Rebounds			3
FT %: 1st Half		6/12--50.0		8/14--57.2		Game		14/26--53.8						
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				ALABAMA		30		30				60		

Inside The Locker Room



Winston Bennett

(About the Alabama game)
Hopefully we've learned something from this game as far as ball control is concerned.

(About his play against the Crimson Tide)

Well, I think everybody knows by now that I'm not happy at all with my play. There's just nothing I can do about that but just continue to work and continue to progress. I guess the knee injury has a lot to do with it, because I felt I was playing so well this summer. During the process of the knee injury, I guess I've lost some of the confidence in my play. It's just going to take a while for me really to get back in the swing of things and really do the things that I was doing well this summer.

(About the injury being frustrating)
Any time you come off an injury it's quite frustrating for an athlete not to be able to play 110 percent out there and have all his tools working for him.

Kenny Walker

(About his team's performance against Alabama)

We're a young ballclub, what can you say? Last year's team lost down here by seven or eight points, and our freshman year we lost by 14. Today gives me a lot of confidence as far as playing Alabama, because we only lost by two today and that's a good showing for us.

(About having a chance at the end)

This is a young ballclub and we don't know the meaning of quit. In our particular situation you have to give our kids a lot of credit. We fought back, and that's the way you want to play these games on the road in the SEC is just be in a position to win, and we were.

(About UK's defense stopping Bobby Lee Hurt and Buck Johnson)

I think we did a great job of shutting Bobby Lee and Buck down in the inside. But you have to give (Terry) Coner a lot of credit. He hit the big

jumpshot, he got the steals on the break and he hit the key free throws. He just did a superb job. But we stuck to our game plan and I feel real good about it, because we did what we had to do.

(About why you came out early in the first half)

It was some salt pills that I had taken about three minutes into the game. I usually take them about five or six minutes before the ballgame, but today they didn't give them to me until about three minutes into the ballgame and they didn't go down too well. So they were just kind of stuck in my chest. They were patting me on the back in trying to get the pills to go down.

(About the game's final shot)

I like the ball in pressure situations. If I don't have the shot, I'll fan it back out. On this play, there wasn't any time. I usually have some success on that kind of play near the basket, but by the time I went high for the pass, came down and jumped again, time was running out. I felt like I had a good release on the ball, but it didn't drop.

Bret Bearup

(About Alabama's inside play)

I put all my energy into keeping Bobby Lee off the boards. That's how he gets a lot of his points. Believe me, he goes to the boards harder than any human being I've played against. This team was determined not to let Bobby Lee and Buck beat us.

Mike Gottfried

(On the Kentucky game)

We knew Kentucky would be tough, they always are, but we proved that we can win even if Bobby Lee and Buck have an off night. We got good play outside and our defense was pretty good.

(On Walker's shot at the end)

All I could do was say a quick prayer and heave a huge sigh of relief.

Joe B. Hall's Comments

The following are Joe Hall's post-game quotes after Kentucky's 60-58 loss at Alabama.

Coach Hall: I was proud of our team for coming back like they did and having a chance to win the game. It was a real great effort down the stretch. Being seven points down with three minutes to go, and on the road, and to play that hard and with that much courage was certainly very encouraging. Our defense executed really well. The credit goes to Alabama's perimeter people. We did a good job shutting them off in the inside and they hit enough outside to outshoot us. We didn't shoot the ball very well. It just came down to the fact that they shot the ball better from the outside than we did.

What about the bad offensive start for your team?

Coach Hall: On the road it does so much for your opponents morale. They can make mistakes, not shoot well, and have turnovers and still be ahead. We just did not shoot the ball well.

It looked like Winston Bennett was playing very well until he got in foul trouble. Did you feel he was?

Coach Hall: We missed Winston down the stretch and it hurt us when he fouled out. I had to go back with Bennett and (Bret) Bearup a little sooner than I wanted to. I don't look at it as being a bad decision, because Bearup played the rest of the way out and there was the possibility that Winston could have to. The foul he

was called on looked like it could have gone either way. (Bennett) is just so important to us. He's so solid in everything we do.

How did you defense Alabama's winning bucket?

Coach Hall: There was 19 seconds on the shot clock and 29 on the game clock and our feelings were that they would play it down to about six seconds and take a shot. We wanted to play soft defense until about 10 seconds on the shot clock and then tighten our defense and make them take a shot from the outside. Then we were not going to call timeout. We were going to try and push it down the floor and string them out and get a basket.

Could you comment on the last four seconds?

Coach Hall: We still had a chance to win. It was a good effort in not letting them get the ball in bounds. We did a good job there. We missed the shot that could have put it into overtime. It was a good shot; it was the one we wanted, so we can't complain.

Was there any point during the contest that really hurt your squad?

Coach Hall: The first five minutes were crucial to us. We just couldn't get a basket to go down. We had excellent shots. We had as good or better shots than they were hitting, but we just couldn't get out of the gate. Then you burn yourself out trying to get back. Your trailing the pack and having to use the whip before you get into the backstretch.

Cats Rally Down The Stretch

Thanks to some poor free throw shooting, the Cats rallied in the final two minutes and had the opportunity to send the game into overtime.

Kentucky began the comeback at the 3:03 mark when Walker hit two of his eleven free throws for the afternoon to narrow the gap to 53-48. After a Coner free throw, another pair of Walker free throws closed the score to 54-50.

Jim Farmer misfired on a bonus shot and Walker hit on one of two for a 54-51 score. Gottfried put the Tide up 56-51 with a 21-footer, but Blackmon tickled the nets with a jumper from the baseline to put the score at 56-53. Twice, the Tide had the opportunity to widen the gap, but Hurt and Coner could hit only the front half of bonus shots for a 58-53 lead.

Walker then wormed his way down low and popped in a five-footer and was fouled. The three-point play left the Tide leading by 58-56.

The Tide decided to take some time off the 45-second clock and called a timeout with 0:29 left on the scoreboard and 19 seconds on the shot clock. After the time-out, Jim Farmer worked himself loose and a defensive lapse cost Kentucky a layup and UK trailed 60-56.

The Cats rushed down the floor and Ed Davender fired up a 14-footer, then the Cats quickly called a time-out with 0:04 and trailing 60-58. After two time-outs, Alabama tried to get the ball in play, but the UK defense forced a five-second call. UK called another time-out to set up the play for Walker.

Statistics Point To Defensive Struggle

The final game stats clearly illustrated the defensive struggle the two teams were fighting.

Both teams shot poorly with Alabama hitting 45 percent and Kentucky a poor 38.6 percent for the evening.

Despite the anemic field goal shooting and a 42-36 deficit on the boards, the Cats still had a shot at the game in the final four seconds. The reason for staying in the game was Alabama's poor free throw shooting and six more shots from the field by the Cats.

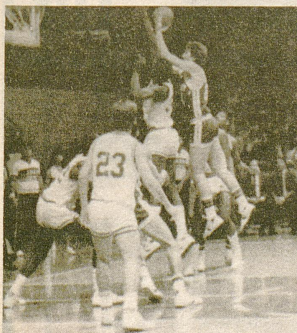
In the one positive statistic from the offense was the turnover department where the Cats made only eight compared to Alabama's ten.

Walker Hot Again But Tide Guards Hot

Kentucky's finest accomplishment came with the defense holding the Johnson-Hurt tandem to a mere 15 points although the two did haul down a combined 24 rebounds.

Meanwhile, Walker was his usual self, scoring 25 points and pulling off 14 rebounds, tops in the game for both clubs. Kentucky's only other double figure scorer was James Blackmon with 12. Disappointing to UK coach Joe Hall was the fact that not a single Wildcat shot fifty percent from the field.

Offsetting the lack of inside play were Coner and Gottfried who combined for 26 points from the outside and Sanderson's third guard Neal who scored 10 points.




Bearup In The Lane



Buck On The Boards

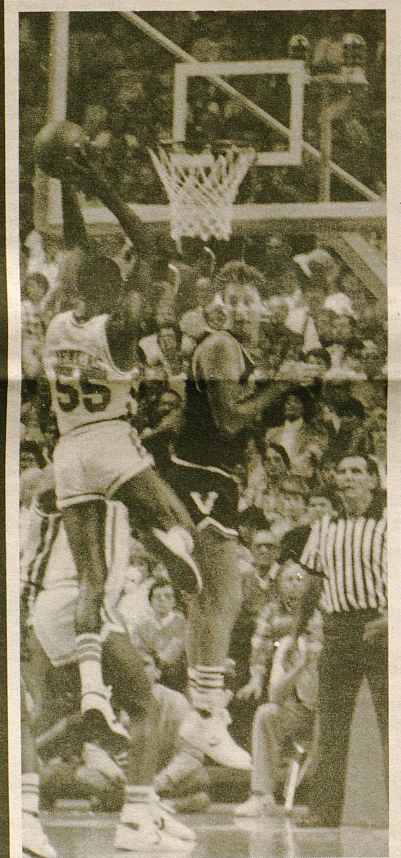
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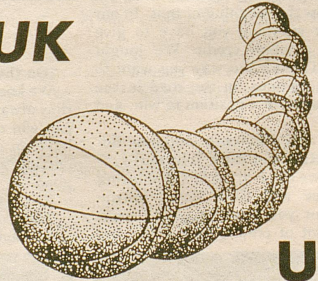


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Five Elements Impressed Newton About UK

How 'bout those (Kentucky) Wildcats?" Wish I had a quarter for every time that remark has come my way the last two weeks.

Appropriately, the Southeastern Conference's *Perfessor* offered the most educated view on how UK after Christmas got itself turned around.

Vanderbilt's C.M. Newton, after his team lost to UK at Rupp Arena last week, was asked if one element about the Wildcats performance impressed him above all others?

"No, there are about five," Newton replied.

"First, Kentucky is a very well conditioned ball club and that's so important.

"(Second,) They're well coached. They know what they're doing and where they're supposed to be.

"(Third,) they change defenses so well.

"(Fourth,) They're very quick athletically. And that's uncharacteristic for Kentucky considering their team last year. This team is athletically talented and quick."



Bob Watkins

Cats' Pause Columnist

And finally, Newton pointed to the shooting chart and rubbed his neck again. His game strategy had hinged on Kentucky's shooting.

"The rap on Kentucky has been that they are not a good shooting team," he said. "Well, they took care of that tonight.

"This is a very fine basketball team," Newton added in his usual gracious style. "And, as the year goes along they're going to get better."

UK basketball notes

Grade cards. Not only did Kentucky get itself turned around after Christmas, but five Wildcats scored a 3.0-or-better grade-point average for the just-completed fall semester. They are: Bret Bearup, Winston Bennett, Troy McKinley, Ed Davender and Robert Lock.

Bearup and Bennett have qualified for academic All-Southeastern Conference by averaging better than 3.0 for two consecutive semesters.

"I'm really proud of these guys for their accomplishments in the classroom," Coach Joe Hall said. "They've worked hard and it's paid off. I'm just as proud of those grades as I am when they play well on the court."

UK is now in its ninth season in Rupp Arena and the Wildcats have a 118-12 won-lost record, a 90.8 win percentage. In 26 years at Memorial Coliseum (1950-76) the Wildcats were 296-37 for an 88.9 win percentage.

Kentucky's victory over Ole Miss was Joe B. Hall's 286th at UK. The Wildcats have 15 regular season dates and the SEC Tournament in which to give Hall No. 300.

Comment: The way Kentucky has played during its win streak, don't discount the possibility that Hall will get No. 300 this season.

UK football

What was the first thing Kentucky players said to Coach Jerry Claiborne in the locker room following the Hall of Fame Bowl victory over Wisconsin in Birmingham?

In unison they chanted "Coach of the year! Coach of the year!"

Seemed from here that Clairborne deserved SEC coach of the year honors over LSU's Bill Arnsperger if only because the Tigers successful season was accomplished with Jerry Stovall's players.

Coach of the year. LaVell Edwards of Brigham Young won out over Joe Morrison of South Carolina, Jerry Claiborne of Kentucky, Leon Burnett of Purdue and Jim Wacker of Texas Christian as Coach of the Year as selected by the American Football Coaches Association.

Comment: Like being nominated for an Oscar, even making the final five has its benefits. I can hear UK recruiters now, "By the way, son, how would you like to play for a man who was nominated for national coach of the year?"

Fuss over a dunk?

Just dunking a basketball has become ho-hum for West Virginia's Georgeann Wells. The 6-7 Wells is turning her talents to twisting behind-the-back slams — and more these days.

"That's what coach (Kittie) Blakemore is looking for — behind-the-back and 360s," Wells joked with a reporter last week.

Wells is the first woman to dunk a basketball in a collegiate game.

"I'm going to try it. Just work on it and if I get it, that'd be a crowd pleaser." How have her teammates reacted?

"They're excited. They're happy," Wells said. "They're excited that it's over with. They were waiting for it. The tensions were building up and up and up and just exploded."

Wells said her one regret is that her father, Wesley, who long had watched his daughter improve her basketball game, missed seeing her dunk. He died last July.

"That was his dream. He wanted to see me dunk," she said. "That was my goal, to be the first one to slam. To get it over with, and do it for my father."

Super Bowl XIX

It ought to be a dandy, matching two air shows — Miami and San Francisco — this Sunday. Certainly officials at ABC-Television—which will air its first Super Bowl—are convinced Super Bowl XIX is going to be special and so apparently do those companies who are purchasing commercial time.

ABC is charging \$1 million per 60-second spot this year. And all the commercial time is reported to be sold out.

For those planning Super Bowl XIX Sunday get together next week, ABC will begin its Super Bowl XIX coverage from Palo Alto, Calif. at 4 p.m. EST. Kickoff time is scheduled for 6 p.m.

He said it

Richard Lapchick, director of the Study of Sports in Society: "The high school athlete assumes he will be the next Dr. J instead of the next Dr. Jones."

Lapchick introduced evidence that high school and college sports in American, rather than aiding athletes, often exploit them by leaving them unprepared to cope with life of the playing field. Only one in three National Football League players holds a college degree and the statistics are lower for other professional sports.

"What we're talking about is a national scandal that's ripping off our youth," Lapchick concluded.

Some things I'd like to see...

- ☑ Winston Bennett smile.
- ☑ Kenny Walker in slo-mo.
- ☑ Happy Chandler sing My Old Kentucky Home at Rupp Arena...
- ☑ The Kentucky Wildcat mascot do something (anything) entertaining.
- ☑ The San Diego Chicken visit Rupp Arena.
- ☑ Sports writers stop raving about quarterback Doug Flutie. And at least one national columnist write that Flutie's diluge of publicity and winning the Heisman Trophy had much to do with his being white.

Comment: Someone did. San Francisco sports columnist Art Spander pointed out that the last 11 Heisman Trophy winners have been black and all were mostly ignored by big media compared to Flutie's treatment this year.

"This is not Flutie's fault," Spander writes. "It is not CBS-TV's fault. It is not the New York Times' fault. It is America's fault."

"We still make decisions based on skin color instead of talent," he writes. "We still are willing foils for the merchandising men who are just as capable of selling people as they are products."

"Doug Flutie deserves the Heisman," Spander concludes. "The rest of us deserve to be embarrassed."

Comment: Amen.

- ☑ The two minute warning eliminated from professional football.
- ☑ UK officials to arrange a halftime introduction at Rupp Arena for members of the 1958 Kentucky Wildcats. *The Fiddlin' Five*.
- ☑ On University of Kentucky All-American and all-time leading scorer Dan Issel, I agree with *The Cats Pause* publisher Oscar Combs who said, "if anybody deserves to have his number (44) retired it's Dan Issel."

Issel is in the twilight of a long and distinguished professional basketball career and will return to Kentucky soon to concentrate on his after basketball business affairs. Wouldn't it be nice of his alma mater made a "big fuss" and recognized Issel at halftime of a UK game and retired his No. 44?

Missing...

Whatever happened to UK basketballers Terry Mobley ('65) and Stan Key ('72) and footballers Dicky Lyons ('68) and Ken Roark ('80)?

Parling shots

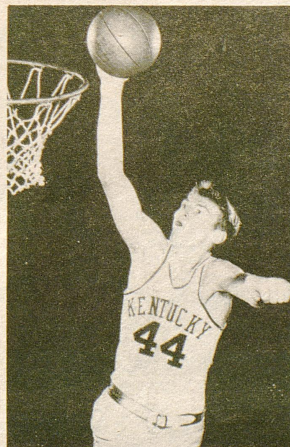
Did anyone notice something missing from Billy Packer verbal repertoire when he did color commentary for CBS on the Kentucky-North Carolina State game?

Packer did not use the word *great* a single time that I recall. But he gave the word *incredible* a good working over.

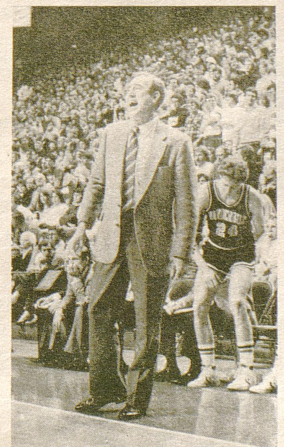
Sports columnist Larry King giving his 2 cents worth: "Hunting would be a true sport if the animal were armed."

Akeem Olajuwon, the Houston Rockets rookie, described how he has picked up some of the subtleties of playing in the National Basketball Association. "I've learned that if you stand there too long and do not throw a punch, you lose your teeth."

Comment: Basketball, isn't it a wonderful non-contact sport? And so it goes. ■



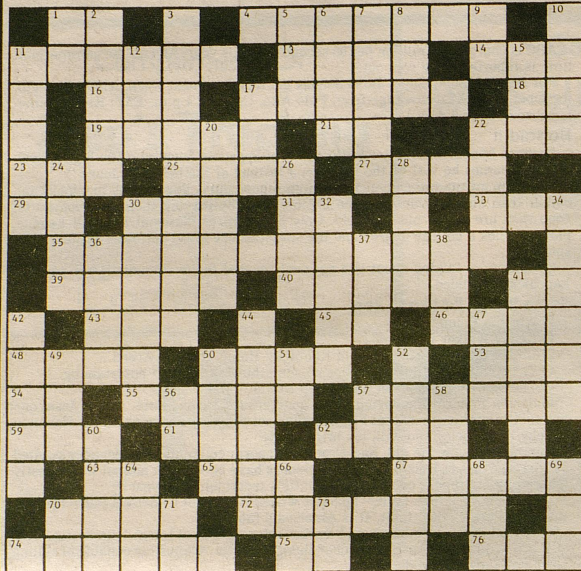
Dan Issel



C.M. Newton

The Cats' Pause Crossword

By Dan Krueckeberg



Wildcats In The NBA & ABA

Across

- 1 Initials of 67 Across
- 4 Started in pros in '48 at Chicago
- 11 Former Cat/Washington Bullet standout
- 13 A _____ trip
- 14 Abbr. for city housing Cliff Hagan's world champion pro team
- 16 "An _____ ball!"
- 17 Bob played for Rochester and Minnesota in the '50s
- 18 Common pronoun
- 19 Johnson played with Buffalo
- 21 Comparative suffix
- 22 Johnny was with '62-'63 Chicago club
- 23 Commercial
- 25 "In _____ face"
- 27 System of mental control exercises
- 29 Symbol for "titanium"
- 30 Tide
- 31 Symbol for "einsteinium"
- 33 One of three per game
- 35 All-time leading ABA scorer
- 39 Steele of the Trail Blazers
- 40 Coached and played in NBA
- 41 NBA state abbr.
- 43 Hot
- 45 "He goes _____ line for two"
- 46 British school
- 48 Coarse file
- 50 '64-'65 pro at LA and SF
- 53 Writing material
- 54 Initials of 10 Down, who also coached San Diego of the ABA
- 55 Give expression to emotion
- 57 Played two years with the Hawks
- 59 Payne of early-'70s Atlanta
- 61 SE Asian festival
- 62 A _____-press
- 63 Abbr. for Cliff's present position
- 65 A _____ pass
- 67 With Indy in early-'50s and also served as a Colonel scout
- 70 The _____ North Atlantic
- 72 One of IsseI's teams
- 74 Mike _____ career included three years with the Pacers
- 75 Initials of Tommy; with St. Louis, Seattle and the Celtics
- 76 First name of 4 Across

Down

- 1 Initials of 20 Down
- 2 Former Cat Dicky and family
- 3 Was a pro with NY in '58-'59
- 5 Abbr. for school in Tulsa
- 6 Traditional knowledge
- 7 Conley played in the ABA
- 8 Wedding words
- 9 Abbr. for a baseball position
- 10 First name of former Cat All-American with early-'50s Indy
- 11 Dan IsseI will go down as one of the _____ pro players
- 12 By way of
- 15 Former Cats were the top _____ scorers in the ABA
- 17 Cougars of the WAC
- 20 Former Cat/Celtic
- 22 Former Notre Damer Austin
- 24 Pickle word
- 26 Back
- 28 Nickname of 32 Down
- 30 Where some hoopsters go to play
- 32 Played over 8 years with the Royals
- 34 Namesakes of a Colonel coach and nine-year Celtic
- 36 Paddles
- 37 Abbr. for a Middle East group
- 38 35 Across had a great shooting _____
- 41 A one-year Colonel
- 42 Mike of the Colonels
- 44 In the pros with Cincinnati, Chicago, Philadelphia and St. Louis
- 47 Overtime maker
- 49 Past
- 50 Paul was with NY and Rochester after lettering only one year with Cats
- 51 Compass abbr.
- 52 Wood
- 56 Initials of former Cat with Cleveland
- 57 Appliance maker
- 58 _____ Nam
- 60 Phoenix guard
- 64 First name of former Cat and Co-ABA Rookie of the Year in '71
- 66 Except
- 68 Question
- 69 Jimmy _____ of 41 Down
- 70 Overhead railway
- 71 Initials of 50 Across
- 73 Abbr. for "Greek"

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Last Weeks Answers



Joe B. Hall

UK Head Basketball Coach



The following are Coach Joe B. Hall's postgame comments following UK's 75-58 win over the Vanderbilt Commodores last Monday night at Rupp Arena.

Coach Hall: You can certainly contribute it (the win) to good hustle again. There was a lot of alert play. We were acting aggressive both offensively and defensively. Our 51.9 percentage from the field has to be the bright spot of the night. Holding Vandy to 40.7, who had been shooting about 52.5 percent, was a good effort for us. Our free throw shooting was excellent. Everyone played well. The subs came off the bench and played well and I was glad to see that. I was glad to see Cedric Jenkins have a good night, four rebounds and three points in the 10 minutes that he played. He seemed to relax a little bit. Through hustle and his defense he really worked hard in the middle in our zone. Roger Harden, getting the baskets outside early, was a big key for the first half. He was 5 for 5 in the first half and hit his first shot in the second half. He handled the ball well and did not have a turnover. We had 11 turnovers on the night, which was also good. We did a good job adjusting to (Phil) Cox in the second half after he scored 12 first-half points. Holding him to two in the second half was a good effort. I thought (Glen) Clem had an excellent night in shooting the ball well from the outside. We didn't shade him in the zone, but he had a good night and a good game. We were very pleased with our progress in having a good effort against a good, sound ballclub like Vanderbilt. They're a good team and they're certainly deserving of their record (8-3). I know that they're going to do well the rest of the year.

Is the team getting a little better and better with each game?

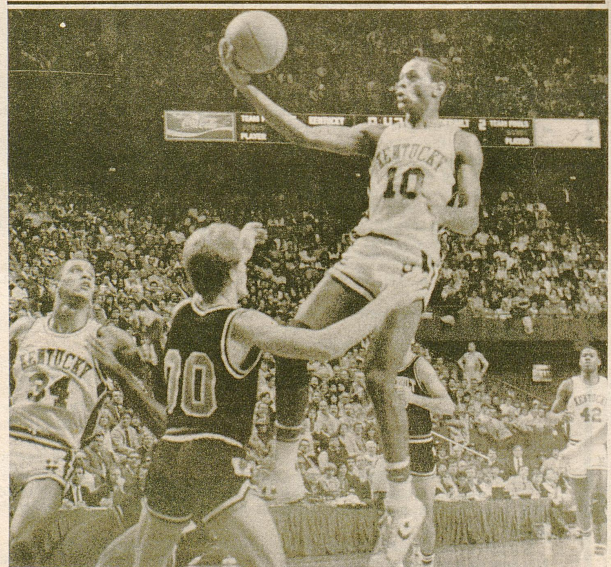
Coach Hall: Yes, we see the mistakes that we're making. Hopefully we can settle them in a little bit. We were impatient on the break, we put up a lot of shots with no rebounders. I would like to see us handle that situation with a little more patience, that would be a step forward. It seems like every game something's pointed out to us that we need to concentrate on and correct. They're very coachable and are willing to correct. I definitely see improvement in them every ballgame.

Can you talk about the improvement of your free throw shooting?

Coach Hall: That's unbelievable. We had 23 in a row until Paul (Andrews) missed. We shot the ball real well. We've hit 51 of 55 in the last two games. You always need your free throws. We'd been shooting the ball well from the field, but when you shoot good from the free throw line you know that you're a potentially good shooting ballclub. It's a indication that a team can shoot the ball when they have a high free throw percentage. Our shot selection has not been that good, we've been forcing a lot of shots and not staying with the shots inside. We've been looking for the foul and not really staying with our shots. But I thought we did better tonight.

How do you feel now about your team playing the tough December slate, has it helped you overall?

Coach Hall: I still feel the same as I did. I would have preferred to have a little breathing room to a young ballclub earlier. I would like to be sitting here now about 10-1 and facing the conference schedule and not having to play those tough schools and suffered those early losses on the road. That put our backs to the wall. (Though) sometimes a young team needs to have their backs to the wall.



Blackmon Over Cox

Shooting Touch Plagued At Rupp Arena

Rupp Arena has been a haunted place to play in for Vanderbilt guard Phil Cox. Cox, who was named Kentucky's "Mr. Basketball" in 1981, has averaged over 14 points a game in his career for the Commodores and has been one of the best free throw shooters in the country. If the Dayhoit, Ky., native can stay injury free he will probably break Mike "Country" Rhodes career scoring record at Vanderbilt. Meanwhile, in the four games against UK in Rupp Arena, Cox has averaged 10 points a contest. On the other hand, the 5-foot-11 senior guard has only connected on 16 of 46 field goals, which comes out to less than 35 percent from the floor. Last year Cox was whistled for three quick fouls in the first half and had his worst game ever in Lexington. The sharp-shooting guard went 0 for 7 from the field and finished the game with only one point as Vanderbilt was crushed by Kentucky 67-46.



Todd Hallum

Cats' Pause Columnist

This year Cox did have his best outing against the 'Cats in the 23,000 seat arena. After blistering the nets for 12 first-half points, UK held him to a meager two points after intermission, as he concluded the contest with 14 tallies. More importantly, the final stat sheet revealed Cox hitting on 6 of 18 shots which is a paltry 33 percent. Cox's poor shooting has been one of the main reasons as to why Vanderbilt has never defeated the Wildcats in Lexington during the last four years.

Joe B. Hall has taken some criticism for not signing Cox. Although, Cox averaged over 28 points per game coming out of high school, Hall felt the blonde haired youngster was not worthy of a grant-in-aid.

Assessing the entire situation, Hall made the correct decision by not signing Cox. With talented guards such as Derrick Hord, Dirk Minniefield, Jim Master, and Dicky Beal, Cox would have had a difficult task finding playing time at Kentucky. Furthermore, Cox didn't possess the defensive capabilities compared to point guards Minniefield and Beal.

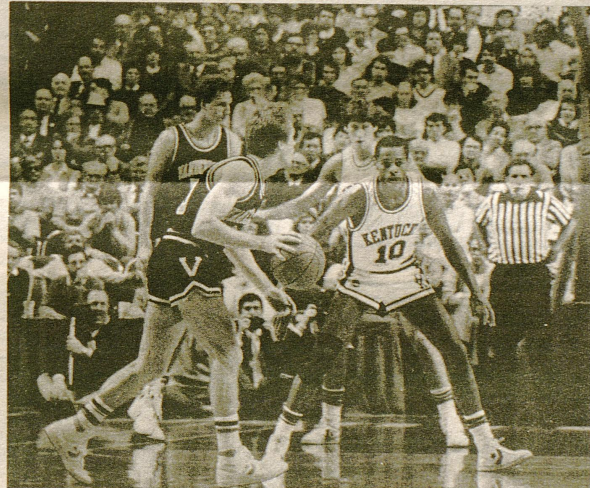
After Kentucky's 17-point victory over Vandy, Cox admitted he made the right decision.

"If I had to do it all over again, I still would have chosen Vanderbilt," said Cox. "If Joe Hall didn't want me that's fine. I'm happy at Vanderbilt and I have no bitter feelings towards the UK program."

Sure, Phil Cox, like any other former Kentucky high school all-star, had aspirations of being in a Wildcat uniform, but there's no question he made the proper decision by attending Vanderbilt. Despite having off-shooting nights in Rupp Arena, Cox has had an outstanding career for the Commodores and has definitely made a tremendous impact on the Vandy program during his past four years.

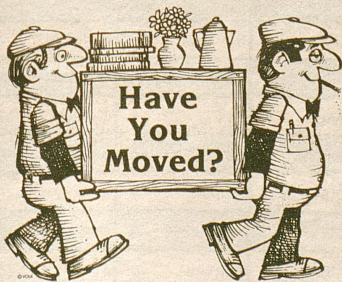
Vanderbilt-Kentucky Game Notes: Vandy 6-9 forward Steve Reese performed a yeoman's job on Kenny Walker. Walker, who has been playing his best basketball of his career, did finish the game with 22 points, but that was the multi-talented forward's lowest point total since the UKIT. "Kenny

Walker is a great player and is capable of scoring 40 points every game," commented Reese. "What I tried to do was to deny him the ball and make him earn his points." Walker mentioned that Reese was the most physical player he had faced thus far this season. . . Georgia Tech 6-7 freshman forward Bud Adams will be transferring to Vanderbilt next season. Adams averaged 27.3 points per game and 16 rebounds for Pace Academy High School in Atlanta, Ga. Adams will become eligible for the Commodores next year at the conclusion of Vandy's fall semester. . . After the 75-58 loss to UK, Vanderbilt still has never won a game against the Wildcats in the 10-year history of Rupp Arena. . . 6-6 forward Bobby Westbrook did not play against UK because of an ailing knee which required arthroscopic surgery in December of last year. Westbrook averaged more than five points while grabbing five boards a game for the Dores last season. Westbrook expects to be back in late January of '85. . . Nice to see Cedric Jenkins pull down a career-high four rebounds and score his first points as a Wildcat. The lanky 6-9 Dawson, Ga., native will be needed to supply adequate depth for the Wildcats as the season continues. . . Referee Paul Galvan pulled a calf muscle late in the first half and did not return for the rest of the game. The two other officials, Don Shea and Doug Cloughy, must have swallowed their whistles as both teams got away with a lot of pushing and shoving during the second half. The lack of personal fouls after halftime was one of the major reasons why the game ended so quickly. Tip-off was at 7:30 p.m. and the game was over shortly after 9:05 p.m. . . Forward Kenny Walker was selected Sports Illustrated player of the week in the January 12th issue of the popular sports magazine. Against Kansas, Auburn, and North Carolina State, Walker scored 88 points, grabbed 40 rebounds, and had eight blocked shots. Congratulations Kenny.



Rupp Arena Didn't Bring Out The Best In Cox

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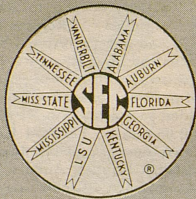
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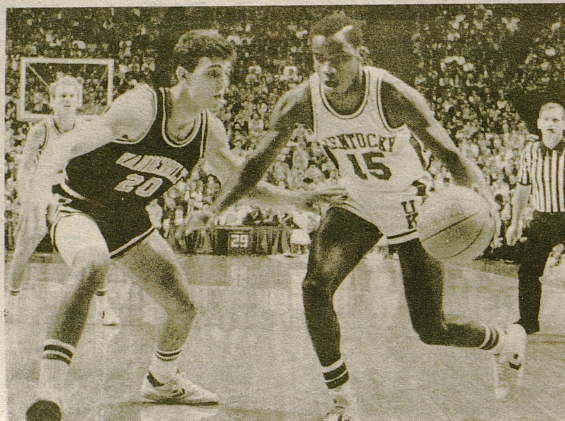
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Vanderbilt vs. Kentucky



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Davender Driving On Vandy

Kentucky Remains Undeclared In SEC Play

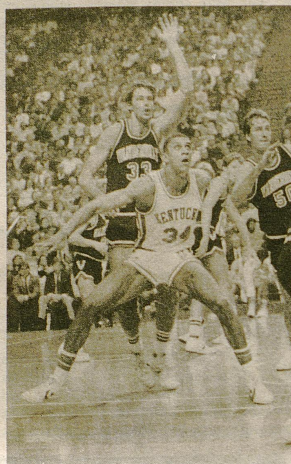
Kenny Walker and his Wildcat teammates notched their second straight Southeastern Conference win as they defeated Vanderbilt 75-58 before 23,432 fans at Rupp Arena last Monday night.

It's getting to be "old hat" for the 6-foot-8 junior from Roberta, Georgia. Walker hit on 7 of 11 from the field and 8 of 8 from the charity line to lead UK in scoring with 22 points. For the 10th time in 11 outings this season, Walker has either led or tied the team's high-scoring marks.

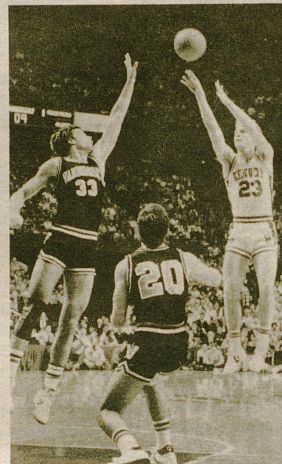
Vanderbilt forward Glen Clem led his squad in scoring with 17 points. Clem, who had been victimized by a current shooting slump, hit on seven of 11 from the field and three of four free throws.

The Wildcats and the Mississippi State Bulldogs are currently the only two teams with unblemished SEC slates. By the way things have been going, it may be one of those years in the wild and woolly SEC Conference.

Kentucky, now 2-0 in SEC play and 7-4 overall, broke open a close contest midway through the first half in route to the win.



Walker Intense



A 6 For 7 Night

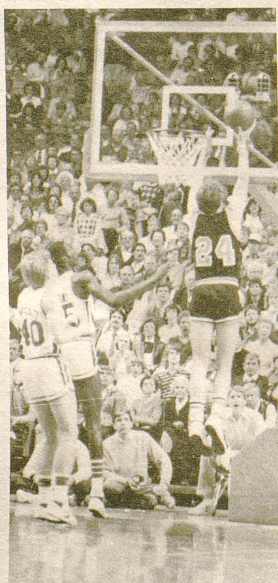
Harden And Cox Have Shooting Duel In First Half

With the score 10-9 in UK's favor, guards Roger Harden of Kentucky, by way of Indiana, and Phil Cox of Vanderbilt, by way of Kentucky, burned the nets with their deadly outside shooting. Up to this point Cox had outscored Harden 6 to 2, but Harden was just heating up his shooting touch. The UK connection hit from 16 feet to widen the lead to 12-9. However, Cox came right back with a 20-footer to bring Vandy back within one (12-11). Are you getting the picture? To make a long story short Harden and Cox each scored two more long distance baskets within a three minute time span.

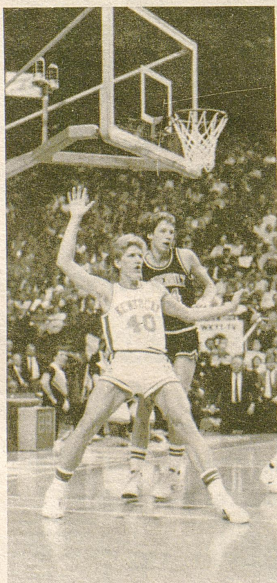
Cox ended up with 14 points, six rebounds, and seven assists during 36 minutes of play. UK's starting point guard was second in Wildcat scoring (behind you know who) on six of seven field goals for 12 points in 19 minutes of action. Harden picked up his fourth foul with 18:50 left in the game.

Unless Vandy makes the Final Four this season, the game was the last in Rupp Arena for the Dayhoit product as a college player. For Harden, the golden hair youngster from Valparaiso, the ripping of Rupp Arena's cords, as well as visiting team's twines, hopes, to continue.

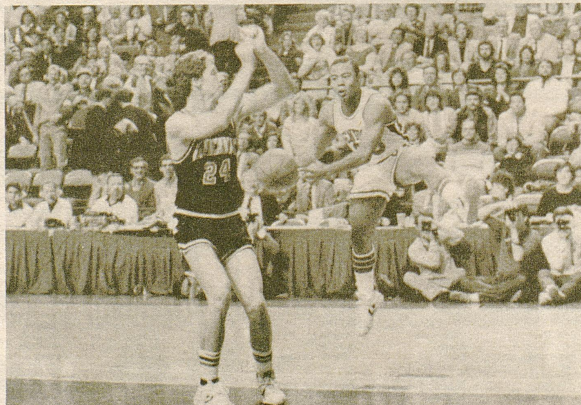
"I've been playing a lot more relaxed," noted Harden. I just would like to give all the glory that comes my way to my heavenly Father and my relationship with the Lord Jesus. I've had a lot of low and high times here at the University of Kentucky. That relationship has been there for me. For me to have some success right now and not mention what has been a big part of it would not have been right. I just want to give all the glory to him."



Clem Gets Loose



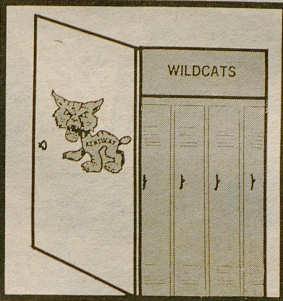
"I'm Open"



Leroy Leading The Break

Vandy Loses 75-58

Inside The Locker Room



Kenny Walker

(About the ability of this young Kentucky team to keep a lead once they get it)

Well, we've been doing a pretty good job, especially in the last three ballgames as far as getting the lead and having that lead throughout the entire ballgame. I think that you have to give credit to everybody on the team. We've been really executing our offense and have been playing some real good defense also.

(About the recent play of the Wildcat reserves)

The reserves are playing major roles right now. I've been saying it all along, I really feel like we got off to a slow start, because of the tough schedule and the injuries that we've had. But the younger kids got in and got valuable experience that they needed. Right now they're showing that they can play better. We need to keep improving in every game that we play and just keep that good positive attitude.

(About a winning streak helping a team, especially playing the Southeastern Conference teams on the road)

We realize that it is going to be really tough to play on the road in the SEC. It's always hard to play on the road. We've just got to go out and keep that intensity that we have been playing with in the last five or six ballgames. If we can just play hard and be in a position to win we'll be okay.

Richard Madison

(About the one-game suspension during the N.C. State game)

I was wrong, (in breaking the team's curfew). We do have restrictions. I thought it was right in what he (Coach Hall) did for not letting me play. I just looked forward to playing tonight. I haven't even talked to him about it. It's in the past now, let's forget about it.

(Did you expect to play against N.C. State?)

I thought I was, I was pretty fired

up. But it was one of those things. (About the team being ready for Vanderbilt)

We knew Vanderbilt was a very excellent shooting team. They've got some awesome guards in shooting deep and all. We knew we had to play hard because they are talented shooting-wise. We had to go out and execute like we did against the other teams. We played well and came out with a victory.

(About the difference in playing a home game in comparison to a road contest)

On the road games you have to be careful about your fouls. You have to be aware at all times. At home you play more relaxed, because the crowd is behind you. (Being on the road) you have to play the same type of game and be calm.

Cedric Jenkins

(About your play against Vandy)

Well, I see that I made a few errors. But it was a whole lot better (game) than I have had.

(About how he sees the recent progress of the Wildcats)

There're still a few areas (improvement), but as far as team work and execution they have made major improvements.

Roger Harden

(About playing against Vanderbilt's guard Phil Cox)

I think that anytime Phil Cox comes to Lexington he comes in a situation that he's from the state of Kentucky and there is going to be a lot of eyes on Phil. He had made four or five jumpers on me and of course I was aware of the fact. But I don't think it turned into a personal thing. I don't think that Phil is that selfish of a player that he would want to get in that type of thing. He's more team oriented.

(About the Wildcat guards shooting more against the Commodores)

We always want to go to Kenny Walker, but Coach Hall, he wants to run his guards. We have the freedom to put the ball up when it's there. It's up to us to take advantage of it.



Hall Uses Bench Wisely

Wildcats' Depth Too Much For Vandy

Against Kentucky, with the loss of injured junior forward Bobby Westbrooks, the Commodores were short-handed Monday night. But UK's depth, especially Richard Madison, Ed Davender, and Cedric Jenkins, added more problems to Vandy's cause. Davender and Madison paced the home team late in the first half with four points apiece.

After Madison hit two free throws, giving the Wildcats a 32-21 lead, Winston Bennett stole the ball just past the midcourt stripe and passed to Harden, who in turn dishd off to a wide open Madison. The 6-8 freshman from 20 feet away swished home a jumper providing Kentucky's biggest lead of the half 34-21.

Vandy's biggest lead came when Cox drilled in a 15-footer making the score 7-4 with 16:36 remaining in the first stanza.

The 6-8 Jenkins scored his first points of his young college career midway through the second half. During his initial field goal Jenkins was fouled by Brett Burrow. The freshman hit the free throw making the score 57-43 as UK started to run away from the Commodores. While playing 10 minutes Jenkins scored three points, grabbed four boards, and had one steal.

Kentucky proceeded to outscore Vanderbilt 18-15 in the final 11:01.

All the Wildcats were able to check in and get some playing time under their belts. Along with Jenkins, Todd Ziegler pumped in two for his scoring debut as a Wildcat. Ziegler took an imaginative pass from 5-5 guard LeRoy Byrd and laid in his first college points during the final minute of play.

Surprise! Kentucky Shoots Over 50 Percent

Not since the Purdue game (52.4 percent) has UK shot better than 50 percent from the field. But against Vandy the Wildcats fired 51.8. Kentucky connected on 29 of 56 shots while hitting on 17 of 18 (94.4) from the free throw line. Vanderbilt finished with 24 of 59 shooting from the floor (40.7) and 10 of 13 from the stripe (76.9).

Starters James Blackmon and Bennett, along with Madison, ended up with eight points apiece while Davender had six points.

Guard Darrell Dulaney was the Commodores' third scorer in double figures with 13 points.

OFFICIAL NCAA BASKETBALL BOX SCORE														
VISITORS (Last Name, First)										Date JAN. 7, 1985 Site RUPP ARENA (Lexington)				
No.	VANDERBILT (8-3)	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	PF	TP	MIN	A	TO	BLK	S	
33	Steve Preece	f	1	6	2	3	8	3	4	37	1	2	0	1
24	Glen Glen	f	7	11	3	4	5	4	17	33	4	2	0	1
50	Bret Burrow	c	2	8	0	0	2	3	4	37	2	2	0	1
00	Phil Cox	g	6	18	2	2	6	3	14	36	7	2	0	0
22	Darrell Dulaney	g	5	8	3	4	1	3	13	29	2	4	0	3
20	Jeff Gary		3	6	0	0	0	0	6	15	0	1	0	0
51	Byron Ball		0	2	0	0	3	1	0	13	0	0	0	0
TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals)														
TOTALS		24	59	10	13	28	17	58	200	16	13	0	6	
FG %: 1st Half: 11/27-.407		2nd Half: 13/32-.406		Game: 24/59-.407		Deadball Rebounds: 3								
FT %: 1st Half: 5/6-.833		2nd Half: 5/7-.714		Game: 10/13-.769										
No.	KENTUCKY	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	PF	TP	MIN	A	TO	BLK	S	
34	Kenny Walker	f	7	11	8	8	10	3	22	31	3	1	1	2
25	Winston Bennett	f	2	5	4	4	6	3	8	32	1	2	0	3
24	Bret Bearup	c	0	2	2	2	3	0	2	14	1	0	0	0
10	James Blackmon	g	4	10	0	0	1	2	8	25	5	2	0	2
23	Roger Harden	g	6	7	0	0	1	4	12	19	3	0	0	0
00	Leroy Byrd	g	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
14	Paul Andrews		1	2	0	1	1	0	2	8	2	0	0	0
15	Ed Davender		3	7	0	0	2	2	6	26	1	2	0	0
32	Todd Ziegler		1	2	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
40	Troy McKinley		1	1	0	0	1	0	2	6	0	1	0	0
42	Richard Madison		3	8	2	2	2	0	8	21	1	2	0	0
44	Robert Lock		0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	1	1	0
56	Cedric Jenkins		1	1	1	1	4	2	3	10	0	0	0	1
TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals)														
TOTALS		29	56	17	18	33	16	75	200	19	11	2	8	
FG %: 1st Half: 15/27-.556		2nd Half: 14/29-.483		Game: 29/56-.518		Deadball Rebounds: 2								
FT %: 1st Half: 8/8-1.000		2nd Half: 9/10-.900		Game: 17/18-.944										
OFFICIALS: Paul Galvan, Don Shea, John Clougherty														
Technical Fouls: None														
Attendance: 23,432														
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SCORE BY PERIODS														
	1st H.	2nd H.	OT	OT	FINAL									
VANDERBILT	27	31			58									
KENTUCKY	38	37			75									

Kentucky Season Stats

1984-85 UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY BASKETBALL STATISTICS (13 Games)

Overall: 8-5 Home: 6-1 Neutral: 1-0 Away: 1-4 SEC: 3-1

Player	G-GS	Field Goals	Free Throws	Rebounds	PF-D	A TO	Points	High
Kenny	13-13	99-192-51.6	95-122-77.9	136-10.5	33-0	18 19	293-22.5	36-KAN
WALKER (C)4-4	33-60-55.0	33-43-76.7	49-12.3		12-0	7 9	99-24.8	28-OM
James	12-8	43-98-43.9	17-23-73.9	18-1.5	24-0	40 20	103-8.6	17-TOL
BLACKMON (C)4-4	15-38-39.5	5-5-100.0	7-1.8		9-0	16 7	35-8.8	12-ALA
Winston	12-9	35-86-40.7	27-37-73.0	66-5.5	40-3	6 23	97-8.1	14-LOU
BECKETT (C)4-4	10-25-40.0	10-12-83.3	23-5.8		15-1	1 4	30-7.5	12-AUB
Ed	13-3	32-77-41.6	26-34-76.5	9-0.7	25-1	24 25	90-6.9	27-ETS
DAVENDER (C)4-0	6-19-42.1	2-6-33.3	4-1.0		8-0	4 7	18-4.5	8-AUB
Roger	12-12	32-70-45.7	5-6-83.3	20-1.7	22-0	55 18	69-5.8	12-LOU
HARDEN (C)4-4	15-29-57.7	2-2-100.0	7-1.8		8-0	17 3	32-8.0	12-VAN
Richard	12-0	29-75-38.7	10-13-76.9	46-3.8	21-1	11 19	68-5.7	16-IND
MADISON (C)4-0	4-18-22.2	2-3-66.7	8-2.0		4-0	4 4	10-2.5	8-VAN
Bret	13-13	29-76-38.2	13-20-65.0	75-5.8	37-1	12 21	71-5.5	13-ETS
BEARUP (C)4-4	5-9-55.6	3-4-75.0	21-5.3		11-0	2 7	13-3.3	6-AUB
Troy	11-0	15-26-57.7	4-4-100.0	11-1.0	3-0	6 5	34-3.1	12-KAN
MCKINLEY (C)4-0	6-12-50.0	0-0-00.0	2-0.5		2-0	1 3	12-3.0	8-OM
Paul	9-3	12-23-52.2	0-1-00.0	6-0.7	12-0	5 7	24-2.7	8-SMU
ANDREWS (C)2-0	1-2-50.0	0-1-00.0	1-0.5		0-0	0 2	2-1.0	2-VAN
Robert	13-4	6-28-21.4	2-6-33.3	29-2.2	26-1	3 6	14-1.1	4-SMU
LOCK (C)4-0	1-5-20.0	0-0-00.0	6-1.5		2-0	1 2	2-0.5	2-ALA
Gedric	9-0	1-7-14.3	1-2-50.0	13-1.4	4-0	0 3	3-1.3	3-VAN
JENKINS (C)3-0	1-1-100.0	1-1-100.0	6-2.0		3-0	0 2	3-1.0	3-VAN
Todd	6-0	1-3-33.3	0-1-00.0	2-0.3	0-0	0 0	2-0.3	2-VAN
ZIEGLER (C)1-0	1-2-50.0	0-0-00.0	1-1.0		0-0	0 0	2-2.0	2-VAN
Leroy	5-0	0-0-00.0	0-1-00.0	1-0.2	3-0	3 2	0-0.0	-----
BYRD (C)2-0	0-0-00.0	0-0-00.0	1-0.5		0-0	2 1	0-0.0	-----
Team				17-1.3			3	

Kentucky	13	334-761-43.9	200-270-74.1	449-34.5	250-7	183 171	868-66.8	92-KAN
(C)4		100-220-45.5	58-77-75.3	142-35.5	73-1	57 49	258-64.5	75-VAN
Opponents	13	322-706-45.6	168-245-68.6	423-32.5	260-6	203 200	812-62.5	89-KAN
(C)4		89-217-41.0	46-72-63.9	130-32.5	74-2	54 54	224-56.0	61-AUB

MINUTES PLAYED: Walker 471-36.2, Bearup 346-26.6, Blackmon 335-27.9, Harden 319-26.4, Bennett 312-26.0, Davender 232-17.8, Madison 223-18.6, Lock 120-9.2, Andrews 102-11.3, McKinley 89-8.1, Jenkins 35-3.9, Byrd 8-1.6, Ziegler 8-1.3

BLOCKED SHOTS: Walker 16, Lock 6, Bearup 6, Bennett 4, Madison 3, Jenkins 2, Davender 1 (UK 38, Opp. 27)

STEALS: Walker 17, Blackmon 15, Harden 11, Bennett 10, Davender 9, Bearup 6, Madison 6, McKinley 3, Lock 2, Andrews 1, Jenkins 1 (UK 81, Opp. 68)

DEAD BALL REBOUNDS: Kentucky 32, Opponents 38

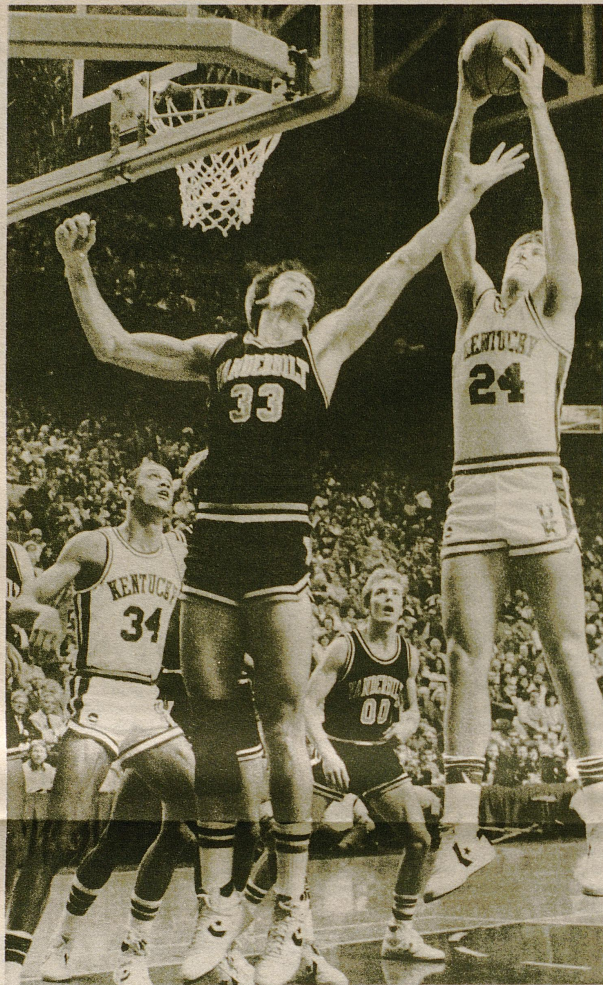
RESULTS

GAME	UK-Opp	Attend	High Scorer	High Rebounder
Toledo (H, Nov. 27)	63-54	23,129	Walker, Blackmon 17	Walker 9
Purdue (A, Dec. 1)	56-66	14,123	Walker, Blackmon 16	Walker 9
SMU (H, Dec. 4)	54-56	22,866	Walker 19	Walker 7
Indiana (A, Dec. 8)	68-81	17,214	Walker, Madison 16	Bearup 11
Louisville (A, Dec. 15)	64-71	19,487	Walker 32	Walker 15
East Tenn. (UKIT, Dec. 21)	69-54	21,300	Davender 27	Walker 9
Cincinnati (UKIT, Dec. 22)	66-55	23,102	Walker 18	Walker 9
Kansas (Louisville, Dec. 31)	92-89	18,920	Walker 36	Walker 19
Auburn (H, Jan. 2)	68-61	22,847	Walker 24	Walker 13
North Carolina St. (H, Jan. 5)	78-62	23,775	Walker 38	Walker 8
Vanderbilt (H, Jan. 7)	75-58	23,432	Walker 22	Walker 10
Mississippi (A, Jan. 9)	57-45	5,479	Walker 28	Walker 12
Alabama (A, Jan. 12)	58-60	15,043	Walker 25	Walker 14
Mississippi State (H, Jan. 16, 7:30 p.m. EST)				
Georgia (A, Jan. 23, 7:30 p.m. EST)				
Tennessee (A, Jan. 27, 2:05 p.m. EST)				
LSU (H, Jan. 31, 8:05 p.m. EST)				
Auburn (A, Feb. 2, 2:05 p.m. EST)				
Vanderbilt (A, Feb. 7, 8:05 p.m. EST)				
Mississippi (H, Feb. 9, 7:30 p.m. EST)				
Alabama (H, Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m. EST)				
Mississippi State (A, Feb. 16, 8:30 p.m. EST)				
Florida (A, Feb. 20, 8:05 p.m. EST)				
Georgia (H, Feb. 24, 1:05 p.m. EST)				
Tennessee (H, Feb. 28, 8:05 p.m. EST)				
LSU (A, Mar. 2, 3:05 p.m. EST)				
SEC Tournament (Mar. 6-9) Birmingham				

1984-85 Kentucky Basketball Superlatives

	TEAM	
Points	Kentucky	Opponents
Fewest Points	92-Kansas	89-Kansas
Field Goals Made	34-Kansas	45-OM
Field Goals Att.	39-Kansas	37-Kansas
Field Goal %	52.4-Purdue	46-Kansas
Free Throws Made	34-N.C. State	66-1-Indiana
Free Throws Att.	37-N.C. State/Kansas	30-Purdue
Free Throw %	94.4-Vanderbilt	41-Purdue
Rebounds	51-Kansas	100.0-East Tennessee St.
Most Fouls	34-Purdue	42-Alabama
Fewest Fouls	10-East Tenn. St.	28-N.C. State/Kansas
Assists	21-Kansas	13-Louisville
Most Turnovers	22-Purdue	18-Cox (Vanderbilt)
Fewest Turnovers	7-East Tenn./Toledo	25-N.C. State
		10-Alabama

	INDIVIDUAL	
Points	36-Walker vs. Kansas	30-Manning (Kansas)
Field Goals Made	14-Walker vs. Louisville	12-Manning (Kansas)
Field Goals Att.	25-Walker vs. Louisville	18-Cox (Vanderbilt)
Free Throws Made	12-Walker vs. Kan/NCS	13-Gadis (Purdue)
Free Throws Att.	20-Walker vs. Kansas	14-Gadis (Purdue)
Rebounds	19-Walker vs. Kansas	15-Koncak (SMU)
Assists	8-Harden vs. NCS/Aub	11-Hebb (N.C. State)
Blocked Shots	4-Walker vs. Cincinnati	4-Koncak (SMU)



Bearup Rebounds

Bilberry To Be UK Wildcat

Fort Knox football sensation Darren Bilberry has verbally committed to the University of Kentucky football. Bilberry, a 6-foot-3, 195-pound running back and defensive end, is headed for

Big Blue territory according to his high school grid coach, Joe Jagers.

Bilberry is also a starter on the Fort Knox basketball team and is a member of its track team.

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Back Thru The Wildcat Years

FIVE YEARS AGO

*The Alabama Crimson Tide visited Rupp Arena and totally stunned the Kentucky Wildcats by a 78-64 score, the Cats' worst beating ever in the four-year history of Rupp Arena. Alabama jumped out early and had little trouble with UK. The Tide led by a whopping 21 points, 41-20, at the half. Kentucky got no closer than 12 points and the game was out of reach by that time. The loss slipped UK to 3-2 in SEC play. Robert Scott had 25 points and Eddie Phillips 23 for Alabama. Kyle Macy led UK with 18 points while Fred Cowan scored 14.

*In a shooting match between Kentucky's Kyle Macy and Mississippi's John Stroud, Macy won out as UK defeated the Rebels 78-73 in Oxford. Macy finished with 10 field

goals and nine of 10 from the line for 29 points while Stroud poured in 27 points. However, the 6-7 Stroud missed a couple of key shots down the stretch when Ole Miss had a chance to tie the score 71-71 and Macy hit two foul shots along with two crucial foul shots by senior Jay Shidler, who finished with 10 points.

*Coach Fletcher Carr's Mat Cats overpowered 12th-ranked Clarion State by a 25-13 score, led by All-American Ricky Dellagatta. It was UK's first dual win of the year and they are now 1-1.

hit three pressure-packed foul shots in the last 22 seconds to lift Kentucky to a 74-69 win over Alabama before a full house in Lexington. The win enabled the Cats to tie Alabama for first place in the SEC standings with a 5-1 record. Kentucky is 12-2 on the season and Alabama 11-2. Grevey finished with 20 points, Jimmy Dan Connor had 18 and fellow senior Mike Flynn 12. Jack Givens came off the bench to contribute ten points. Leon Douglas led Alabama with 27 points and 25 rebounds.

*The UK swimmers raised their won-loss record to 7-1 by defeating Western Kentucky 59-30 and Union 66-37.

*Hitting 54 percent from the floor, UK won its 13th straight game, defeating a deliberate Tennessee team 68-52. Dan Issel led UK with 28 points while Jimmy England scored 29 for the Vols.

*Jim Andrews scored 19 consecutive and 35 overall as the UK frosh beat Tennessee 95-70. Daryl Bishop added 20.

*After 24 years at UK, Ken Kuhn has retired. He was the assistant to the director of athletics. From 1948-69, he was UK's sports information director. He was replaced by Russell Rice, formerly a sports editor at the Lexington Leader.

TEN YEARS AGO

*Kentucky nipped Ole Miss 85-82 at Oxford before a crowd of 5,000. Kevin Grevey led UK with 27 points and Mike Flynn added 22.

The score was 71-69 when Grevey

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

*Adolph Rupp reinstated guard Bob McCowan from his suspension for breaking curfew. Also, guard Mike Casey began working out, saying he is ready to help the Cats if needed. Casey was injured in a summer automobile accident.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

*Kentucky overcame a 12-point deficit to spoil Tulane's upset hopes and down the Green Wave 58-44 in New Orleans. UT trailed 17-5 but took a four-point lead by the half. Jerry Bird and Billy Evans each scored 16 for UK.

*UK football player Harry (Pete) Kirk of Mt. Sterling was selected on the All-America academic second team.

*Kentucky narrowly escaped an upset before 5,000 fans at LSU, edging the Tigers 64-62. A final second missed shot by the Tigers sealed the win for UK. Phil Grawemeyer scored 18 points and Bob Burrow 16 for UK.

Wildcat Quiz

1. Does Kentucky hold a series advantage over Alabama in basketball?

Yes or No.

2. What SEC team stopped Kentucky's 36 game home court winning streak during the 1982-83 season?

- a) Alabama
- b) Tennessee
- c) Auburn
- d) LSU

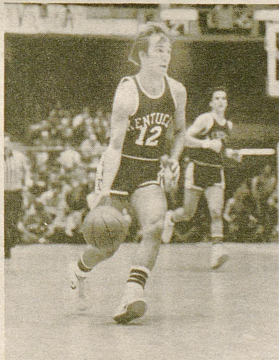
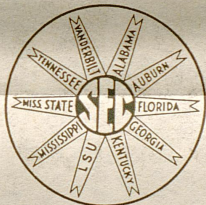
3. What former Wildcat holds the record for most free throws made in one season with 210?

- a) Kyle Macy
- b) Dan Issel
- c) Bill Spivey
- d) Jack Givens

4. In what season did Johnny Cox lead the Wildcats in scoring?

- a) 1950-51
- b) 1956-57
- c) 1959-60
- d) 1961-62

5. Against which team did UK shoot its highest field goal percentage in one game?



Bo Lanter

- a) Notre Dame
- b) Mississippi State
- c) Vanderbilt
- d) Kansas

6. True or False? Fred Cowan scored over 1,000 points in his career as a Wildcat?

7. Who was the highest scoring sophomore in UK history?

- a) Tom Payne
- b) Cotton Nash
- c) Cliff Hagan
- d) Kevin Grevey

8. What former UK player holds the record for the longest field goal made in one game?

- a) Stan Key
- b) Bo Lanter
- c) Reggie Warford
- d) Cliff Barker

9. Which one of the following former Wildcats led UK in scoring three consecutive years?

- a) Pat Riley
- b) Larry Steele
- c) Jack Givens
- d) Dan Issel

10. True or False? Dan Issel holds the UK record for most field goals in one season?

Answers

- 1. Yes
- 2. Auburn
- 3. Dan Issel
- 4. 1956-57
- 5. Notre Dame
- 6. False
- 7. Cotton Nash
- 8. Cliff Barker - 63 feet 7.5 inches
- 9. Jack Givens
- 10. True



Football recruits

The verbal commitment list for in-state prospects to the University of Kentucky swelled to six last week.

Chuck Broughton, 6-4, 205, quarterback, Ashland
 Brian Cralle, 6-3, 235, center, E'town
 Tony Nash, 6-5, 242, tackle, DeSales
 Oliver Barnett, 6-5, 240, tackle, J'town
 Darren Bilberry, 6-2, 190, running back, Ft. Knox
 Dee Smith, 6-1, 170, wide receiver, Pad. Tilghman

The NCAA signing date is Feb. 13.

SEC Basketball Superlatives

Most Points
 37 Phil Cox, Vanderbilt vs. Middle Tennessee
 36 Kenny Walker, Kentucky vs. Kansas
 33 Chuck Person, Auburn vs. Delaware
 32 Kenny Walker, Kentucky vs. Louisville

Most Free Throws
 17 Phil Cox, Vanderbilt vs. Middle Tennessee
 12 Kenny Walker, Kentucky vs. Louisville
 12 Kenny Walker, Kentucky vs. N.C. State
 11 Don Redden, LSU vs. Ole Miss

Most Rebounds
 19 Kenny Walker, Kentucky vs. Kansas
 15 Kenny Walker, Kentucky vs. Louisville
 14 Jeff Moore, Auburn vs. Armstrong State

Most Blocks
 5 Bobby Lee Hurt, Alabama vs. Austin Peay
 4 Bobby Lee Hurt, Alabama vs. Virginia
 4 Buck Johnson, Alabama vs. Maryland

Assists
 10 Terry Coner, Alabama vs. Youngstown State
 10 Dennis Brown, LSU vs. Ole Miss
 10 Darrell Dulaney, Vanderbilt vs. Indiana State

Steals
 5 Terry Coner, Alabama vs. East Tennessee
 5 Darryl Gresham, Florida vs. South Florida

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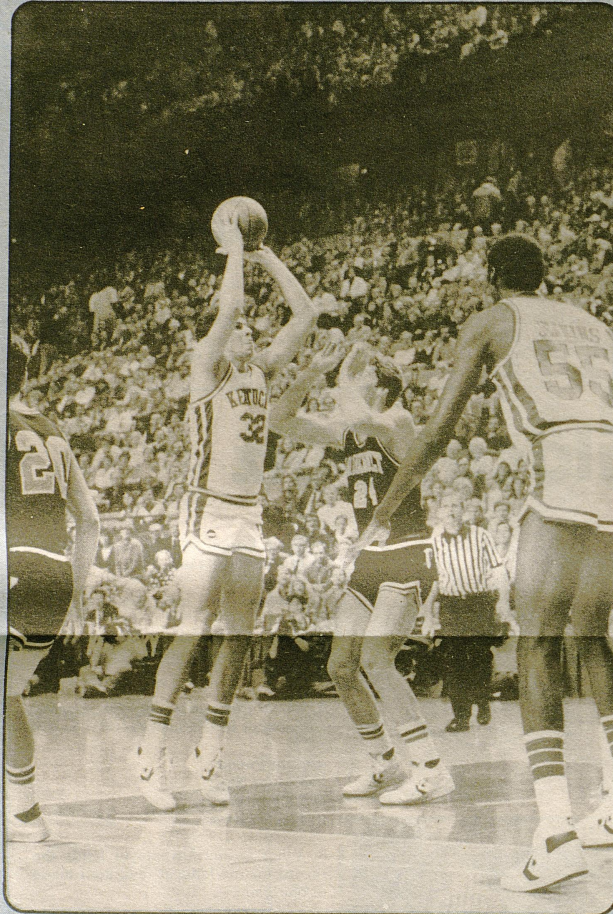
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